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INCREASED PRICES FOR FARM PRODUCTS.—The statistical returns of the Department of Agriculture for December give the average farm prices of Agricultural products by counties, which are consolidated in this office to obtain accurate averages for the several States. The present corn crop is worth more than the last. The average price, by present returns, is 50.1 cents per bushel, against 28.3 cents for the crop of 1889, an increase of 77 per cent. It is the highest December price of the decade, except that of 1881, the only year in which the final average of condition was worse than than that of the present season. The present average shows that small crops are a sure cure for low prices, and that the law of demand is still the main factor in making prices and profits. The prices in the seven corn surplus States are: Ohio, 51 cents; Indiana, 47; Illinois, 43; Iowa, 41; Missouri, 44; Kansas, 51; Nebraska, 48.

The average farm value of the wheat crop, as estimated, is 84 cents per bushel, against 69.8 for 1889. The value of wheat is affected by the harvests of other countries. The price of oats has responded sharply in the pressure of a small crop and increased demand, because of a short corn crop. The average is 42.2 cents, against 23 cents last year. It is the highest reported since 1881. Rye, like oats, at 62.9 cents, is higher than since 1881, and the same is true of barley at 64.8. Buckwheat at 57.7 is an advance over last year, but it is lower than in 1888.

The deficiency in the potato crop has caused an advance in values in all sections of the country. The average is 77.7 cents, an increase of more than 90 percent over the prices of the past two years. The returns show slightly higher prices for tobacco than have prevailed since 1887. The average is reported at 7.7 cents per pound. Hay alone of all farm products records a decline from last year. The present price is $7.74 per ton, and the slight falling off is due to increased product.

SOME STARTLING FACTS.—The official returns from Boards of Health show that nearly three fourth of all deaths are from Consumption. When we think over this fact it is really awful, though every case started with a simple cough or cold. Realize how important it is to check this terrible malady which can be done by using Pan-Tina cough and consumption cure. Price 25 and 50 cents. Trial bottles free at J. W. Barnitz' drug store.

The Indian scare in the Northwest is practically over. There has been from the beginning a great difference of opinion as to the seriousness of the outlook. Gen. Miles has been freely criticised. He took the most serious view of the situation from the outset, and on the strength of his representations the government hastened regiments of troops from all quarters to the turbulent regions, until now the Indians are surrounded by troops sufficiently strong to master them. If Gen. Miles was correct, the right plan has been followed, for all danger is averted. It is doubtless true that the cold weather and the unexpected massing of so many troops have done much toward quieting the Indians down.

The State Grange, Patrons of husbandry completed its work at Harrisburg Friday and adjourned. The proposition to reduce the membership fee was voted down. Subordinate granges are recommended to urge the Legislature to pass the tax law appoved by the majority of the State Tax Commission. The education committee suggests an appropriation of $4,000,000 for the public schools.

Terry McMannus, of Harrisburg, aged 27, was at work on the telephone line at Carlisle Friday. When on top of a pole the pole broke, throwing him to the opposite side of the street, striking his head against the curb and fracturing his skull.

A serious cave-in occurred in the Hollenbeck mine, operated by the Delaware and Hudson Coal Company, which affected about twenty acres.

BORDER RAID CLAIMS.—A Washington special says: There was a full meeting at the Riggs House Thursday night of the commission authorized by the last Legislature to urge upon Congress an appropriation of about $3,000,000 to satisfy the Pennsylvania claims for damages caused by rebel raids in the counties along the southern border. The bill was favorably acted upon by the House Committee at the last session and is now on the calendar, but it will be necessary for the Committee on Rules to fix a day for its consideration if it is to come befote the House at all. A large number of the Pennsylvania members of the House were present at the meeting of the commission and promised, irrespective of party, to use all of their influence to secure the passage of the bill.

At the request of the Wage Workers' Political Alliance of the District of Columbia, Mr. Cockerell presented to the Senate Thursday a petition demanding the distribution of $20 per capita annually to each public authority, such as States, Territories, Districts, counties, cities, towns, and villages within the limits of the republic for the purpose of enabling them to pay their debts and expenses without any local taxation whatever, and that national taxation shall be abolished untill freedom from debt shall be universal in the republic. The petition was referred to the Finance Committee.

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Governor-elect Pattison Saturday called on Governor Beaver at the Executive Department, and spent two hours with him in pleasant conversation. They talked over the events of the administration drawing to a close, and parted in the most cordial manner.

A terrible accident occurred at the Neilson Colliery Saturday by which John Melvitch, a workman, was instantly killed and George Molvin and several unknown Hungarians were so horribly injured that little hopes are entertained for their recovery.

A fight took place between settlers and Indians on French creek, S. D., Saturday. The fight occurred at Hermosa, about 200 miles southeast of Pierre. Three Indians were killed but no whites.

The most disastrous fire in the history of Pottstown occurred early Saturday morning and in a few hours destroyed half of the oldest and most valuable business blocks of the place. The loss is estimated at $200,000; insurance $125,000.

The steamer San Juan, which arrived at San Francisco, reports that cholera is raging in Guatamala. More than 12,000 cases are on record and and 1,200 deaths have occurred in seven weeks.

Much excitement was raised at Pierre, S. D., Saturday, when the entire police force was called on to simultaneously raid every original package saloon in the city arrest the proprietors.

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having purchased the Drug Store from E. G. Cook, respectfully solicits a share of the public patronage. An entire new stock of
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INCREASED PRICES FOR FARM PRODUCTS.—The statistical returns of the Department of Agriculture for December give the average farm prices of Agricultural products by counties, which are consolidated in this office to obtain accurate averages for the several States. The present corn crop is worth more than the last. The average price, by present returns, is 50.1 cents per bushel, against 28.3 cents for the crop of 1889, an increase of 77 per cent. It is the highest December price of the decade, except that of 1881, the only year in which the final average of condition was worse than than that of the present season. The present average shows that small crops are a sure cure for low prices, and that the law of demand is still the main factor in making prices and profits. The prices in the seven corn surplus States are: Ohio, 51 cents; Indiana, 47; Illinois, 43; Iowa, 41; Missouri, 44; Kansas, 51; Nebraska, 48.

The average farm value of the wheat crop, as estimated, is 84 cents per bushel, against 69.8 for 1889. The value of wheat is affected by the harvests of other countries. The price of oats has responded sharply in the pressure of a small crop and increased demand, because of a short corn crop. The average is 42.2 cents, against 23 cents last year. It is the highest reported since 1881. Rye, like oats, at 62 9 cents, is higher than since 1881, and the same is true of barley at 64.8. Buckwheat at 57.7 is an advance over last year, but it is lower than in 1888.

The deficiency in the potato crop has caused an advance in values in all sections of the country. The average is 77.7 cents, an increase of more than 90 percent over the prices of the past two years. The returns show slightly higher prices for tobacco than have prevailed since 1887. The average is reported at 7.7 cents per pound. Hay alone of all farm products records a decline from last year. The present price is $7.74 per ton, and the slight falling off is due to increased product.

SOME STARTLING FACTS.—The official returns from Boards of Health show that nearly three fourth of all deaths are from Consumption. When we think over this fact it is really awful, though every case started with a simple cough or cold. Realize how important it is to check this terrible malady which can be done by using Pan-Tina cough and consumption cure. Price 25 and 50 cents. Trial bottles free at J. W. Barnitz' drug store.

The Indian scare in the Northwest is practically over. There has been from the beginning a great difference of opinion as to the seriousness of the outlook. Gen. Miles has been freely criticised. He took the most serious view of the situation from the outset, and on the strength of his representations the government hastened regiments of troops from all quarters to the turbulent regions, until now the Indians are surrounded by troops sufficiently strong to master them. If Gen. Miles was correct, the right plan has been followed, for all danger is averted. It is doubtless true that the cold weather and the unexpected massing of so many troops have done much toward quieting the Indians down.

The State Grange, Patrons of husbandry completed its work at Harrisburg Friday and adjourned. The proposition to reduce the membership fee was voted down. Subordinate granges are recommended to urge the Legislature to pass the tax law appoved by the majority of the State Tax Commission. The education committee suggests an appropriation of $4,000,000 for the public schools.

Terry McMannus, of Harrisburg, aged 27, was at work on the telephone line at Carlisle Friday. When on top of a pole the pole broke, throwing him to the opposite side of the street, striking his head against the curb and fracturing his skull.

A serious cave-in occurred in the Hollenbeck mine, operated by the Delaware and Hudson Coal Company, which affected about twenty acres.

BORDER RAID CLAIMS.—A Washington special says: There was a full meeting at the Riggs House Thursday night of the commission authorized by the last Legislature to urge upon Congress an appropriation of about $3,000,000 to satisfy the Pennsylvania claims for damages caused by rebel raids in the counties along the southern border. The bill was favorably acted upon by the House Committee at the last session and is now on the calendar, but it will be necessary for the Committee on Rules to fix a day for its consideration if it is to come before the House at all. A large number of the Pennsylvania members of the House were present at the meeting of the commission and promised, irrespective of party, to use all of their influence to secure the passage of the bill.

At the request of the Wage Workers' Political Alliance of the District of Columbia, Mr. Cockerell presented to the Senate Thursday a petition demanding the distribution of $20 per capita annually to each public authority, such as States, Territories, Districts, counties, cities, towns, and villages within the limits of the republic for the purpose of enabling them to pay their debts and expenses without any local taxation whatever, and that national taxation shall be abolished untill freedom from debt shall be universal in the republic. The petition was referred to the Finance Committee.

HIS BODY TERRIBLY MANGLED.—A shocking accident occurred at the Union Knitting Mills, whereby Isaac Cox was horribly mutilated. Red Flag Oil, the famous pain cure was quickly applied, and recovery soon followed, you can try this great remedy for 25 cents.

If you want to drive away dyspepsia, billiousness, constipation, poor appetite, and all evils arising from a disordered liver, use Dr. Lee's Liver Regulator. Trial bottles free at J. W. Barnitz's drug store.

Secretary Noble is striking a blow in the right direction in the pension business in proposing to open a law department in the pension office where applicants for pensions can obtain legal advice without expense. If the fees permitted to be paid to agents by pension claimants were reduced one-half, it would lessen the number of claimants, or at least lessen the amount of solicitation done by agents to induce ex soldiers to apply for pensions.

Governor-elect Pattison Saturday called on Governor Beaver at the Executive Department, and spent two hours with him in pleasant conversation. They talked over the events of the administration drawing to a close, and parted in the most cordial manner.

A terrible accident occurred at the Neilson Colliery Saturday by which John Melvitch, a workman, was instantly killed and George Molvin and several unknown Hungarians were so horribly injured that little hopes are entertained for their recovery.

A fight took place between settlers and Indians on French creek, S. D., Saturday. The fight occurred at Hermosa, about 200 miles southeast of Pierre. Three Indians were killed but no whites.

The most disastrous fire in the history of Pottstown occurred early Saturday morning and in a few hours destroyed half of the oldest and most valuable business blocks of the place. The loss is estimated at $200,000; insurance $125,000.

The steamer San Juan, which arrived at San Francisco, reports that cholera is raging in Guatamala. More than 12,000 cases are on record and and 1,200 deaths have occurred in seven weeks.

Much excitement was raised at Pierre, S. D., Saturday, when the entire police force was called on to simultaneously raid every original package saloon in the city arrest the proprietors.

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"In the common conception of the public," sagely observes a Chicago paper, "all Italians are essentialy one people, and all are dubbed 'dagoes,' but the latter term, which originated, we believe, in New Orleans, really applies only to Sicilians." There is no reason, lectures the Chicago *Post*, using this misstatement for a text, why ignorance should insult good taste. "Dago" (of which the plural is written "dagoes," not "dagos") is a corruption of Diego, the Spanish form of James. San Diego or St. James is among south European nations the patron saint of sailors. English sailors caught up the name from the lips of their Spanish, Portuguese and Italian mates centuries ago and perverted it into the easier form "dago." There is, properly speaking, no offense in the word. Columbus was himself a "dago," for Genoa is as much a Mediterranean seaport as Palermo.

The claim is made for the city of Boston that its drainage or sewage system presents one of the most perfect engineering triumphs of its kind in the world, though, of course, not the most extensive. The works provide for the discharge of 15,000,000 gallons of sewage in forty minutes, the operation commencing at the great reservoir at Moon Island at one or one and a half hours after high tide, when the outward current past the outlet is well established. As the sewage is lighter than the sea water it rises toward the surface soon after being discharged, and spreads out until it has a depth of less than a foot. Half an hour from the beginning of the discharge the sewage covers an area of about half a mile in diameter; in this condition the sewage, already considerably diluted, moves outward with the current, and further dilution takes place, the process going on most rapidly at the bottom of the layer of sewage. Up to a certain stage in this progress of dilution, the surface of the sewage contains enough greasy matter to prevent waves, except when the wind blows very hard; and, when the dilution of the sewage has progressed so far that waves begin to form and its specific gravity has approached that of sea water, it rapidly becomes mixed with water from greater depths, and very soon cannot be distinguished from unpolluted sea water, this last change usually taking place in less than an hour and a half after the sewage is discharged, and at a distance from the outlet not exceeding two miles.

MY SLEEPING CHILD.

My sleeping child, how holy seems
Thy pure face, smiling, as in dreams
Of angels, who are but thy kind!
Ah! in what sermon can I find
Such light as that which from thee streams,
To pierce throughout my soul's extremes,
Whose sad and heavy darkness teems,
With sullen care and passion blind?
Although my own heart little deems
Me worthy such a jewel's gleams,
Thou'rt mine, and, in my soul enshrined,
Thou keepest guard o'er soul and mind,
My sleeping child!

—*Frederick A. Stokes, in the Cosmopolitan.*

IRA'S FATHER.

Country premises speak strongly of their owners' tendencies. Marcus Winchester's barn was disproportionately large and good, and had a tin horse hoisted from the ridge-pole. Stampings and whinnyings were loud within, and the pleasant barn odor was all-pervading.

It was more like April than early winter. There was a warm wind, whose dampness foretold a rain, beneath which the dwindling remnants of snow would vanish. It lay in melting, dirty drifts here and there on grass of a vivid spring-like green. Some belated frogs were chirping somewhere near.

The largest drift was in the west corner of the front yard, and Ira was playing in it. His method was to scrap together a large pile of it, and then, backing to a considerable distance and returning at full speed, to plunge head-first into it, and by violent efforts of his small arms and legs, being flat on his stomach, to scatter it riotously in all directions. This he had been doing for an hour, and was not yet satisfied. He kept it up with the enjoying solemnity of childhood, content to play alone, because in the habit of it: when some boys passed on their way home from school, he paid no heed to them. Ira had not felt like going to school for several weeks, and had not gone, therefore.

It was five o'clock, and the fragrance of coffee was filling all the outside air. Ira's father shut the barn door and went in.

"Supper's ready now, Ira," he called.

There was in his tone an obvious effort at careless cheerfulness. Ira did not look around.

His house-keeper, a relative of the wife he had married at twenty-one and lost four years ago, was taking up the supper in the warm kitchen where the table stood. She looked harassed.

"Ira's been out there in the wet a good while, Marcus. He'll catch his death cold or have croop again," she said, and Marcus stepped to the front door. His head nearly grazed its top.

"Come in to your supper, Ira," he said, and went back and drank his coffee for a silent, strained five minutes. He and Mrs. Paynter avoided looking at each other. Then he stalked to the door again. "Ira," he called, sternly, "you come right in here this minute and get your supper."

Ira looked around. There was some passing wonder in his serious blue eyes, and there was a distant regret or commiseration. He by no means disliked his father, a certain quality of mildness and sweetness which won other people was plain enough to Ira's small perceptions. Turning back, he went on piling up his dirty snow. His father stood and looked at him, loath to go back to his supper.

"He hain't got his mittens on, has he?" said Mrs. Paynter, in the alarmed abstract contemplation which was their sole attitude toward Ira.

"No," said Marcus. He cleared his throat before adding. "He's got his coat off, too."

But his voice was choked. The poor young father all at once sat down, and leaned his head in his hands. The lines of his comely face showed his disheartened depth of worriment. It was not for the first time.

He had wanted to do his duty by his motherless boy, for whom his love was strong, and had seen him growing more froward and more, till now the uttermost limit of his foregone weak defeat had long been reached. He had done for him, anxiously if akwardly, all his yearning heart had been prolific in suggesting, and beheld him at eight years old with an established reputation for the worst child in town.

He comprehended that his own lacks were accountable. He was in some sort afraid of Ira, whose self-ownership had given him an uncanny oldness beyond his years: and he had been timorous where he should have been firm. A man of meaner parts, but ordinary self-assurance, might have made of Ira a good boy; Marcus had contributed to make him the worst. He was self-reproachful, but he was powerless. He knew it. He knew Ira would go on serenely in his habitual courses; would disregard all but his own wayward guidance; would go on sitting up nights to such hours as suited him, and eating when and what he wanted to, and going to school when he chose—which was seldom—and sometimes disappearing entirely for varying periods. And Marcus was helpless to do anything but to wonder dreadingly what it would come to.

Ira remained in the yard, and at six o'clock his father, having done the barn chores, went out to him with a warm turnover. Ira, wet from head to foot, his pale hair lying damp on his heated face, took and silently ate it, sitting down in the snow.

"Ain't you coming in pretty soon, Ira?" said his father. He loomed against the fading sky, a powerful form standing helpless as a baby.

"Oh, I guess so," said Ira.

"Put your coat on. Ain't you cold?" his father implored.

"Nop," said Ira. He went on playing.

"Come in, Ira. I'll crack some butternuts and bring up some apples."

But Ira's tolerance was wearied. He made no reply to this nor to his father's further appeals.

Marcus turned away. He wavered in his course. Finally he went across lots to the nearest house. Until the past spring he had gone over to the Bartholomew's often and enjoyingly: of late he went seldom, and with painful trepidation. He was honest and single-minded; he worked his farm and bought and sold horses and raised colts, and was used to dealing with material facts and not with subtleties: and he had not yet tried to disentangle the matter. He knew that since Liza Bartholomew had come from Edgerton to help in her uncle's family he had felt foolish about going there, and all but scared.

He was ashamed of his present errand. He paused once or twice in his progress across the fields, hubbly and bare and blackened by recent bonfires, but pushed on till the early lamp-light shone out upon him from the Bartholomew's windows.

Against it Liza Bartholomew, when she opened the door, stood slimly outlided. And Marcus felt panic-stricken.

"I guess I won't come in," he said. "I wanted to ask your aunt what it was she told me to get if Ira had the croup again."

"Ipecac," said Mrs. Bartholomew, coming to the door with the ponderous slowness of an over-stout woman, and her husband followed. "Has he got it again?"

"No. Mrs. Paynter's afraid he'll have it. He's playing out in the snow." He would gladly have withheld the fact, had he known how to. He grew red.

"Can't you make him come in?" Mr. Bartholomew demanded, and gave a snort and a chuckle with masculine ruthlessness. "If you ain't the funniest!"

"Well, there, Samuel!" said his wife.

Marcus's florid face was aflame. Liza was looking at him with a quivering smile. Mr. Bartholomew chuckled on.

"Marcus," he said, "you want to git married. That's what's the matter, Marcus; that's what you need. Git married."

Marcus turned down the steps, almost gasping. Without having once looked fairly at Liza Bartholomew, he knew how her slender figure and her serious and sweetly moulded face had looked; he knew what dress she had on, and that she wore a ribbon round her neck, and the color of it. His heart thumped with his shamefaced fright; his lips parted as as if for air. He found, coming to himself after a minute or two, that he was straggling in the wrong direction.

Three weeks later, Marcus, going in from the barn with a horse collar that wanted tinkering, saw Liza Bartholomew coming into the yard through the turbulent snowstorm which was darkening the upper air and whitening the earth. He hurried in to meet her. The shawl pinned under her chin was heavy with flakes, and she took it off and flapped it over the door step. Her cheeks were red from their sharp buffeting.

"Aunt Phœbe sent me up with this apple sauce," she said; "we've been making some. We heard Mrs. Paynter had gone." She was embarrassed and awkward, but she seemed to have braced herself for the undertaking, and stood quietly.

"Sit down," said Marcus. "Why, yes; she's been gone two weeks. Her son's wife is sick, over to the Ridge, and he sent for her. She thought she'd come back, but I got a line from her yesterday, and she don't know when she can. Take a chair."

He put one forward. There was something beseeching in his voice and look, and she sat down.

She cast a startled glance around her. The surface of chair rungs and centre table and mantel-piece were lost in dust; the floor was dirty. All things were helter-skelter, and there were many articles foreign to a sitting-room—a peck basket, some tin dishes, a wooden bowl of red onions, a hand-saw. A fuchsia on the window-sill—which was lined with apple cores—was dead from want of water. There was no fire in the room, and a cold draught came from a wide-open back door: a sizzling sound in the kitchen was attended by a smell of burning grease, and the air was getting blue.

"So't things ain't very comfortable here just now," said Marcus. He put down the horse-collar, and sat down with his hands on his knees.

Seeing all, the girl dropped her eyes in pretence of seeing nothing.

"I ain't making things go very well. I don't know nothing how. I hain't ever done anything but work around horses, and I'm making terrible work keeping house."

He aimed to speak lightly, and put on a smile to that end. But it was sickly. Marcus had a strip of red flannel on his neck, and his voice was hoarse. He had lost much of his ruddy color, and Liza could see that he was thinner.

"Are you sick?" she said.

"Well, I hain't been very well," Marcus admitted. He held her with a solemn look. His hitherto abashment was sunk in his misery. "I've got a cold. Well, I don't know—and I don't eat much. I don't know nothing about cooking, and I hain't got anything to taste fit to eat. I've pretty near give it up, and took to having what I can buy ready—crackers and dried beef and such things. I can boil potatoes and eggs, and I do. I'm cooking some ham now."

They were coughing with the smudge of it, and Marcus went out and set the pan off. His visitor sat with her eyes on her lap.

"Ira," Marcus went on, his weak grin faltering, "don't stay to home much now. It ain't very comfortable here, and he don't like it. He sleeps here, and that's about all. I don't see him very much. I don't know where he is now. He don't like what I've had to eat, and he don't eat here hardly ever. He goes round among the neighbors, I s'pose; I don't know just where. I went over to the Dorrs', and offered to pay for what he's had there, but they wouldn't take anything. Has he been to your house much?" said Marcus.

"Yes; some," Liza answered. She could not meet his eyes, because a flood of tremulous feeling filled her. If there was aught that was ludicrous, it did not appeal to her; she was stirred with compassion. She felt that she could not safely speak, and she got up and pinned her shawl on.

"If he's been getting meals there," said Marcus, with grim patience, "I want to pay for 'em. That's all I can do. I can't keep him to home, and I'd like to settle up around."

Liza gave a quavering laugh, hurrying to the snowy door. "Why, we wouldn't take anything," she said, in a voice made sharp by her tremors.

He watched her from a door and a side window till her shape was lost in the thick storm. He had forgotten to say anything about the apple-sauce, and he suffered a dismayed pang. It was warm in its bowl, and he took it into the kitchen, and ate some and some crackers. It composed his dinner—the ham being burnt—but he could not eat much. He was suffering from the chills and fever attendant on a hard cold, and his sore throat ached. He made some attempt at putting the kitchen in order, clumsily traveling about; but his mind was distracted. He was worried about Ira. He had not seen him since morning, and the storm was heavy. He wondered where he was. Last week he had gone up to the pine woods, a mile away, where some men had been hauling logs. Marcus had heard of it afterward. He hoped he had not tried to go there to-day. He was used, however, to being worried about Ira, and waiting for time to relieve him. He washed his dishes, and mended the horse-collar in the cold sitting-room. His physical disorders amounted to light sickness. He felt weak, his head began to ache, and after a shivering aimless hour he brought out a quilt, and lay down on the lounge.

It was past four when he woke. He saw, going to the door, that but for a few drifting flakes the snow had ceased. It lay over a foot deep, a smooth stretch untouched, except where the trees had dropped some of their load.

Ira had not been home. Marcus went through the house. There was no sign of him, and no tracks anywhere around the house. Standing in the back door and blankly staring, sickening fears began to rise in the father's heart. He could not formulate them, but he leaned in the doorway weakly. He did not know what he feared, but the snow was deep and the day was cold, and he had not seen Ira since morning. And Ira's ways were strange and erratic.

He went and got his hat and coat, and waded to the barn, forgetting to lock the house doors or shut them. The slant, low rays of the sun made the snowy expanse blinding, and he blinked and stumbled. He got his best horse into the cutter and plowed out into the road, the bells spasmotically clashing and the snow flying high from plunging hoofs and runners. He stopped at the Dorrs's; Ira had not been there that day. His father cracked the whip on the horse's flank with a hand that shook.

The roads were hard of passage, and it was getting dark when he came back. Ira had not been to the pine woods; the choppers had seen nothing of him. Marcus had desperately and doggedly stopped at every door; neither had anybody along the road.

He was almost home, and his teeth were chattering with the cold and with his weakness and terror. He was at the corner a few rods from which the Bartholomews lived. He turned that way, and leaving his horse at the gate, broke in at the door. Nobody was in the front room, and he strode through to the kitchen.

Liza was ironing by the fire. The clothes frame hung full, and there was a steamy, comfortable, warm smell. Her board rested on two chair backs, and under it was Ira. He was playing some game of his own with a string of empty spools and some blocks of wood and an old pistol. His light hair hung over his eyes; his cheeks were warm and red. He had been eating something; his face and the floor were crumby. His father stood stock still and burst out with a sob; then he fell trembling into a chair, and reached down and pulled Ira up in his arms.

"I thought you was lost, Ira," said his father. "I thought you was dead. I thought you'd gone up to the pine woods again; I've been clear up there. I was afraid you'd got snowed up and froze. Where've you been, Ira?"

"W'y, here," said Ira.

"He's been here since dinner," Liza said. "He was over to the Wades' this morning. We thought he'd been home between-times. If we'd known he hadn't, and it storming so, we'd have sent over, and let you know where he was." She tried to go on ironing, but she made ineffectual motions, for she saw nothing clearly through her tears.

Marcus looked at her. Something distinct and tangible struggled through his surging emotions and seemed to fix him. It was his first clear recognition of it, and it staggered him. He was afraid to say it, and would have refrained if he could have. His words came huskily.

"You'll have to come over there and take care of us—Ira and me. I can't do nothing with him. He won't mind me nor anything. You could make him act better; you do. It ain't—that ain't all, Liza. I want you. I don't know how to say it—nor nothing—" He felt for her hand, and pressed his wet hot face upon it.

She turned her head away, but her tears as she said, "I will come," dropped fast on Ira's staring upturned face. He pondered; for once the situation was beyond him; he failed to comprehend it. He wriggled out of his father's arms to the floor, and went on playing.—*Harper's Weekly.*

SELECT SIFTINGS.

Salaries of pastors in Germany are very low.

The Andes have sunk seventy-six feet in 122 years.

The button-behind-shirt was a purely American invention.

The first white child to be born within the limits of the Thirteen Colonies was a girl.

Two thousand seven hundred and fifty languages are spoken by the inhabitants of the world.

Two eight-year-old boys are in custody at St. Paul, Minn., for attempting to "crack" a safe.

Philadelphia is becoming noted for its large number of physicians and the number is rapidly increasing.

A bill to forbid and punish the making of caricatures has been introduced into the Legislature of Vermont.

The Australian tailor who traveled in a trunk from Vienna to Paris has just made the trip from Paris to London in the same manner.

Farming in Washington's day knew nothing of machinery; even the first iron plow, patented in 1797, was a failure, for New Jerusalem farmers thought it poisoned the soil.

A prominent member of the New York Stock Exchange has been arraigned before the governing committee on the charge of indecorous conduct in the board room. His offense was resting his foot in a chair.

There is a family in Armstrong County, Penn.—father, mother and four children—whose combined weight is 1300 pounds, an average of 216 pounds. One of the girls weighs 305 pounds, and is only eleven years old.

A tree planting society has been informed, through letters received from societies in the leading cities, of the difficulties of urban tree planting. The chief enemies to trees in cities are gas, horses and electric light and telephone men.

A silver knee buckle was found recently in Swift Run Gap, Rockingham County, Va., which was set with diamonds. It is supposed that they may have been lost by Gov. Spottswood in his famous expedition described in Fontaine's history.

Since ladies' pockets have become so effectively concealed within the fold of their dresses, pickpockets have been obliged to invent a new method of stealing purses. It is to artificially elongate the first two fingers, so that they may serve as delicate pincers.

A boy's strange mania was brought to the notice of a London magistrate. The boy was five and a half years old, his favorite pastime being hailing a cabman off a rank and telling him he was wanted at some distant street, in order to get into the vehicle and have a ride.

Three little boxes of Ceylon tea, each weighing five pounds, were sold by auction in London lately at the extraordinary price of $7.62 per pound. It was a very rare variety known as "choicest golden tipped pekoe." The leaf was small, but literally blazed with golden tipping.

Sammy Brazelton was caught in one of his own bear traps at Trafton, Cal., and while waiting for assistance nearly starved to death. Postmaster Esterbrook happened along, however, as Sammy was about to faint from hunger and released him from his unfortunate predicament.

Gin Non, a Chinese merchant of Riverside, Cal., is about to return to China to secure himself a wife, and, in order to be allowed to land upon his return, he has drawn up a certificate setting forth who he is, and had his photograph pasted on the same sheet, and had the different county officials sign the document.

A three hours' drive with a snake was taken recently by a lady in Ceylon. On getting out of her carriage she moved the cushions to find something which had slipped down, and to her horror discovered a huge cobra coiled up underneath. Had not the creature been in a semi-torpid condition she could not have escaped alive.

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"I do not know what the census figures may be," said Dr. Roversi, of the *Il Progresso Italo-Americano*, "but I would roughly estimate the number of Italians in New York city at 40,000. This estimate would include the city only, and would not take in the other large towns in the State. The number of my countrymen in the other large centers of population I cannot form a correct estimate of, but New York has certainly the largest resident population of any city in the Union."

A Hamburg firm is making a fortune by selling bogus Heligoland postage stamps to collectors in Germany. As soon as the Anglo-German agreement concerning the island became known there was a tremendous demand for the old Heligoland stamps, and the prices went up to forty-five and fifty cents apiece. The firm in question at once bought the Heligoland stamp for little more that its value as old metal, and has kept it a-going day and night ever since. It has already sold 20,000 and has more orders in sight than it can fill. At a recent meeting of the postage stamp bourse in Berlin a movement to stop the fraud was started.

"In the common conception of the public," sagely observes a Chicago paper, "all Italians are essentialy one people, and all are dubbed 'dagoes,' but the latter term, which originated, we believe, in New Orleans, really applies only to Sicilians." There is no reason, lectures the Chicago *Post*, using this misstatement for a text, why ignorance should insult good taste. "Dago" (of which the plural is written "dagoes," not "dagos") is a corruption of Diego, the Spanish form of James. San Diego or St. James is among south European nations the patron saint of sailors. English sailors caught up the name from the lips of their Spanish, Portuguese and Italian mates centuries ago and perverted it into the easier form "dago." There is, properly speaking, no offense in the word. Columbus was himself a "dago," for Genoa is as much a Mediterranean seaport as Palermo.

The claim is made for the city of Boston that its drainage or sewage system presents one of the most perfect engineering triumphs of its kind in the world, though, of course, not the most extensive. The works provide for the discharge of 15,000,000 gallons of sewage in forty minutes, the operation commencing at the great reservoir at Moon Island at one or one and a half hours after high tide, when the outward current past the outlet is well established. As the sewage is lighter than the sea water it rises toward the surface soon after being discharged, and spreads out until it has a depth of less than a foot. Half an hour from the beginning of the discharge the sewage covers an area of about half a mile in diameter; in this condition the sewage, already considerably diluted, moves outward with the current, and further dilution takes place, the process going on most rapidly at the bottom of the layer of sewage. Up to a certain stage in this progress of dilution, the surface of the sewage contains enough greasy matter to prevent waves, except when the wind blows very hard; and, when the dilution of the sewage has progressed so far that waves begin to form and its specific gravity has approached that of sea water, it rapidly becomes mixed with water from greater depths, and very soon cannot be distinguished from unpolluted sea water, this last change usually taking place in less than an hour and a half after the sewage is discharged, and at a distance from the outlet not exceeding two miles.

MY SLEEPING CHILD.

My sleeping child, how holy seems
Thy pure face, smiling, as in dreams
Of angels, who are but thy kind!
Ah! in what sermon can I find
Such light as that which from thee streams,
To pierce throughout my soul's extremes,
Whose sad and heavy darkness teems,
With sullen care and passion blind?
Although my own heart little deems
Me worthy such a jewel's gleams,
Thou'rt mine, and, in my soul enshrined,
Thou keepest guard o'er soul and mind,
My sleeping child!

—*Frederick A. Stokes, in the Cosmopolitan.*

IRA'S FATHER.

Country premises speak strongly of their owners' tendencies. Marcus Winchester's barn was disproportionately large and good, and had a tin horse hoisted from the ridge-pole. Stampings and whinnyings were loud within, and the pleasant barn odor was all-pervading.

It was more like April than early winter. There was a warm wind, whose dampness foretold a rain, beneath which the dwindling remnants of snow would vanish. It lay in melting, dirty drifts here and there on grass of a vivid spring-like green. Some belated frogs were chirping somewhere near.

The largest drift was in the west corner of the front yard, and Ira was playing in it. His method was to scrap together a large pile of it, and then, backing to a considerable distance and returning at full speed, to plunge head-first into it, and by violent efforts of his small arms and legs, being flat on his stomach, to scatter it riotously in all directions. This he had been doing for an hour, and was not yet satisfied. He kept it up with the enjoying solemnity of childhood, content to play alone, because in the habit of it; when some boys passed on their way home from school, he paid no heed to them. Ira had not felt like going to school for several weeks, and had not gone, therefore.

It was five o'clock, and the fragrance of coffee was filling all the outside air. Ira's father shut the barn door and went in.

"Supper's ready now, Ira," he called.

There was in his tone an obvious effort at careless cheerfulness. Ira did not look around.

His house-keeper, a relative of the wife he had married at twenty-one and lost four years ago, was taking up the supper in the warm kitchen where the table stood. She looked harassed.

"Ira's been out there in the wet a good while, Marcus. He'll catch his death cold or have croop again," she said, and Marcus stepped to the front door. His head nearly grazed its top.

"Come in to your supper, Ira," he said, and went back and drank his coffee for a silent, strained five minutes. He and Mrs. Paynter avoided looking at each other. Then he stalked to the door again. "Ira," he called, sternly, "you come right in here this minute and get your supper."

Ira looked around. There was some passing wonder in his serious blue eyes, and there was a distant regret or commiseration. He by no means disliked his father, a certain quality of mildness and sweetness which won other people was plain enough to Ira's small perceptions. Turning back, he went on piling up his dirty snow. His father stood and looked at him, loath to go back to his supper.

"He hain't got his mittens on, has he?" said Mrs. Paynter, in the alarmed abstract contemplation which was their sole attitude toward Ira.

"No," said Marcus. He cleared his throat before adding. "He's got his coat off, too."

But his voice was choked. The poor young father all at once sat down, and leaned his head in his hands. The lines of his comely face showed his disheartened depth of worriment. It was not for the first time.

He had wanted to do his duty by his motherless boy, for whom his love was strong, and had seen him growing more froward and more, till now the uttermost limit of his foregone weak defeat had long been reached. He had done for him, anxiously if akwardly, all his yearning heart had been prolific in suggesting, and beheld him at eight years old with an established reputation for the worst child in town.

He comprehended that his own lacks were accountable. He was in some sort afraid of Ira, whose self-ownership had given him an uncanny oldness beyond his years; and he had been timorous where he should have been firm. A man of meaner parts, but ordinary self-assurance, might have made of Ira a good boy; Marcus had contributed to make him the worst. He was self-reproachful, but he was powerless. He knew it. He knew Ira would go on serenely in his habitual courses; would disregard all but his own wayward guidance; would go on sitting up nights to such hours as suited him, and eating when and what he wanted to, and going to school when he chose—which was seldom—and sometimes disappearing entirely for varying periods. And Marcus was helpless to do anything but to wonder dreadingly what it would come to.

Ira remained in the yard, and at six o'clock his father, having done the barn chores, went out to him with a warm turnover. Ira, wet from head to foot, his pale hair lying damp on his heated face, took and silently ate it, sitting down in the snow.

"Ain't you coming in pretty soon, Ira?" said his father. He loomed against the fading sky, a powerful form standing helpless as a baby.

"Oh, I guess so," said Ira.

"Put your coat on. Ain't you cold!" his father implored.

"Nop," said Ira. He went on playing.

"Come in, Ira. I'll crack some butternuts and bring up some apples."

But Ira's tolerance was wearied. He made no reply to this nor to his father's further appeals.

Marcus turned away. He wavered in his course. Finally he went across lots to the nearest house. Until the past spring he had gone over to the Bartholomew's often and enjoyingly; of late he went seldom, and with painful trepidation. He was honest and single-minded; he worked his farm, and bought and sold horses and raised colts, and was used to dealing with material facts and not with subtleties; and he had not yet tried to disentangle the matter. He knew that since Liza Bartholomew had come from Edgerton to help in her uncle's family he had felt foolish about going there, and all but scared.

He was ashamed of his present errand. He paused once or twice in his progress across the fields, hubbly and bare and blackened by recent bonfires, but pushed on till the early lamp-light shone out upon him from the Bartholomew's windows.

Against it Liza Bartholomew, when she opened the door, stood slimly outlided. And Marcus felt panic-stricken.

"I guess I won't come in," he said. "I wanted to ask your aunt what it was she told me to get if Ira had the croup again."

"Ipecac," said Mrs. Bartholomew, coming to the door with the ponderous slowness of an over-stout woman, and her husband followed. "Has he got it again?"

"No. Mrs. Paynter's afraid he'll have it. He's playing out in the snow." He would gladly have withheld the fact, had he known how to. He grew red.

"Can't you make him come in?" Mr. Bartholomew demanded, and gave a snort and a chuckle with masculine ruthlessness. "If you ain't the funniest!"

"Well, there, Samuel!" said his wife.

Marcus's florid face was aflame. Liza was looking at him with a quivering smile. Mr. Bartholomew chuckled on.

"Marcus," he said, "you want to git married. That's what's the matter, Marcus; that's what you need. Git married."

Marcus turned down the steps, almost gasping. Without having once looked fairly at Liza Bartholomew, he knew how her slender figure and her serious and sweetly moulded face had looked; he knew what dress she had on, and that she wore a ribbon round her neck, and the color of it. His heart thumped with his shamefaced fright; his lips parted as as if for air. He found, coming to himself after a minute or two, that he was straggling in the wrong direction.

Three weeks later, Marcus, going in from the barn with a horse collar that wanted tinkering, saw Liza Bartholomew coming into the yard through the turbulent snowstorm which was darkening the upper air and whitening the earth. He hurried in to meet her. The shawl pinned under her chin was heavy with flakes, and she took it off and flapped it over the door step. Her cheeks were red from their sharp buffeting.

"Aunt Phœbe sent me up with this apple sauce," she said; "we've been making some. We heard Mrs. Paynter had gone." She was embarrassed and awkward, but she seemed to have braced herself for the undertaking, and stood quietly.

"Sit down," said Marcus. "Why, yes; she's been gone two weeks. Her son's wife is sick, over to the Ridge, and he sent for her. She thought she'd come back, but I got a line from her yesterday, and she don't know when she can. Take a chair."

He put one forward. There was something beseeching in his voice and look, and she sat down.

She cast a startled glance around her. The surface of chair rungs and centre table and mantel-piece were lost in dust; the floor was dirty. All things were helter-skelter, and there were many articles foreign to a sitting-room—a peck basket, some tin dishes, a wooden bowl of red onions, a hand-saw. A fuchsia on the window-sill—which was lined with apple cores—was dead from want of water. There was no fire in the room, and a cold draught came from a wide-open back door; a sizzling sound in the kitchen was attended by a smell of burning grease, and the air was getting blue.

"So't things ain't very comfortable here just now," said Marcus. He put down the horse-collar, and sat down with his hands on his knees.

Seeing all, the girl dropped her eyes in pretence of seeing nothing.

"I ain't making things go very well. I don't know nothing how. I hain't ever done anything bu' work around horses, and I'm making terrible work keeping house."

He aimed to speak lightly, and put on a smile to that end. But it was sickly. Marcus had a strip of red flannel on his neck, and his voice was hoarse. He had lost much of his ruddy color, and Liza could see that he was thinner.

"Are you sick?" she said.

"Well, I hain't been very well," Marcus admitted. He held her with a solemn look. His hitherto abashment was sunk in his misery. "I've got a cold. Well, I don't know—and I don't eat much. I don't know nothing about cooking, and I hain't got anything to taste fit to eat. I've pretty near give it up, and took to having what I can buy ready—crackers and dried beef and such things. I can boil potatoes and eggs, and I do. I'm cooking some ham now."

They were coughing with the smudge of it, and Marcus went out and set the pan off. His visitor sat with her eyes on her lap.

"Ira," Marcus went on, his weak grin faltering, "don't stay to home much now. It ain't very comfortable here, and he don't like it. He sleeps here, and that's about all. I don't see him very much. I don't know where he is now. He don't like what I've had to eat, and he don't eat here hardly ever. He goes round among the neighbors, I s'pose; I don't know just where. I went over to the Dorrs', and offered to pay for what he's had there, but they wouldn't take anything. Has he been to your house much?" said Marcus.

"Yes; some," Liza answered. She could not meet his eyes, because a flood of tremulous feeling filled her. If there was aught that was ludicrous, it did not appeal to her; she was stirred with compassion. She felt that she could not safely speak, and she got up and pinned her shawl on.

"If he's been getting meals there," said Marcus, with grim patience, "I want to pay for 'em. That's all I can do. I can't keep him to home, and I'd like to settle up around."

Liza gave a quavering laugh, hurrying to the snowy door. "Why, we wouldn't take anything," she said, in a voice made sharp by her tremors.

He watched her from a door and a side window till her shape was lost in the thick storm. He had forgotten to say anything about the apple-sauce, and he suffered a dismayed pang. It was warm in its bowl, and he took it into the kitchen, and ate some and some crackers. It composed his dinner—the ham being burnt—but he could not eat much. He was suffering from the chills and fever attendant on a hard cold, and his sore throat ached. He made some attempt at putting the kitchen in order, clumsily traveling about; but his mind was distracted. He was worried about Ira. He had not seen him since morning, and the storm was heavy. He wondered where he was. Last week he had gone up to the pine woods, a mile away, where some men had been hauling logs. Marcus had heard of it afterward. He hoped he had not tried to go there to-day. He was used, however, to being worried about Ira, and waiting for time to relieve him. He washed his dishes, and mended the horse-collar in the cold sitting-room. His physical disorders amounted to light sickness. He felt weak, his head began to ache, and after a shivering aimless hour he brought out a quilt, and lay down on the lounge.

It was past four when he woke. He saw, going to the door, that but for a few drifting flakes the snow had ceased. It lay over a foot deep, a smooth stretch untouched, except where the trees had dropped some of their load.

Ira had not been home. Marcus went through the house. There was no sign of him, and no tracks anywhere around the house. Standing in the back door and blankly staring, sickening fears began to rise in the father's heart. He could not formulate them, but he leaned in the doorway weakly. He did not know what he feared, but the snow was deep and the day was cold, and he had not seen Ira since morning. And Ira's ways were strange and erratic.

He went and got his hat and coat, and waded to the barn, forgetting to lock the house doors or shut them. The slant, low rays of the sun made the snowy expanse blinding, and he blinked and stumbled. He got his best horse into the cutter and plowed out into the road, the bells spasmotically clashing and the snow flying high from plunging hoofs and runners. He stopped at the Dorrs's; Ira had not been there that day. His father cracked the whip on the horse's flank with a hand that shook.

The roads were hard of passage, and it was getting dark when he came back. Ira had not been to the pine woods; the choppers had seen nothing of him. Marcus had desperately and doggedly stopped at every door; neither had anybody along the road.

He was almost home, and his teeth were chattering with the cold and with his weakness and terror. He was at the corner a few rods from which the Bartholomews lived. He turned that way, and leaving his horse at the gate, broke in at the door. Nobody was in the front room, and he strode through to the kitchen.

Liza was ironing by the fire. The clothes frame hung full, and there was a steamy, comfortable, warm smell. Her board rested on two chair backs, and under it was Ira. He was playing some game of his own with a string of empty spools and some blocks of wood and an old pistol. His light hair hung over his eyes; his cheeks were warm and red. He had been eating something; his face and the floor were crumby. His father stood stock still and burst out with a sob; then he fell trembling into a chair, and reached down and pulled Ira up in his arms.

"I thought you was lost, Ira," said his father. "I thought you was dead. I thought you'd gone up to the pine woods again; I've been clear up there. I was afraid you'd got snowed up and froze. Where've you been, Ira?"

"W'y, here," said Ira.

"He's been here since dinner," Liza said. "He was over to the Wades' this morning. We thought he'd been home between-times. If we'd known he hadn't, and it storming so, we'd have sent over, and let you know where he was." She tried to go on ironing, but she made ineffectual motions, for she saw nothing clearly through her tears.

Marcus looked at her. Something distinct and tangible struggled through his surging emotions and seemed to fix him. It was his first clear recognition of it, and it staggered him. He was afraid to say it, and would have refrained if he could have. His words came huskily.

"You'll have to come over there and take care of us—Ira and me. I can't do nothing with him. He won't mind me nor anything. You could make him act better; you do. It ain't—that ain't all, Liza. I want you. I don't know how to say it—nor nothing—" He felt for her hand, and pressed his wet hot face upon it.

She turned her head away, but her tears as she said, "I will come," dropped fast on Ira's staring upturned face. He pondered; for once the situation was beyond him; he failed to comprehend it. He wriggled out of his father's arms to the floor, and went on playing.—*Harper's Weekly.*

SELECT SIFTINGS.

Salaries of pastors in Germany are very low.

The Andes have sunk seventy-six feet in 122 years.

The button-behind-shirt was a purely American invention.

The first white child to be born within the limits of the Thirteen Colonies was a girl.

Two thousand seven hundred and fifty languages are spoken by the inhabitants of the world.

Two eight-year-old boys are in custody at St. Paul, Minn., for attempting to "crack" a safe.

Philadelphia is becoming noted for its large number of physicians and the number is rapidly increasing.

A bill to forbid and punish the making of caricatures has been introduced into the Legislature of Vermont.

The Australian tailor who traveled in a trunk from Vienna to Paris has just made the trip from Paris to London in the same manner.

Farming in Washington's day knew nothing of machinery; even the first iron plow, patented in 1797, was a failure, for New Jerusalem farmers thought it poisoned the soil.

A prominent member of the New York Stock Exchange has been arraigned before the governing committee on the charge of indecorous conduct in the board room. His offense was resting his foot in a chair.

There is a family in Armstrong County, Penn.—father, mother and four children—whose combined weight is 1300 pounds, an average of 216 pounds. One of the girls weighs 305 pounds, and is only eleven years old.

A tree planting society has been informed, through letters received from societies in the leading cities, of the difficulties of urban tree planting. The chief enemies to trees in cities are gas, horses and electric light and telephone men.

A silver knee buckle was found recently in Swift Run Gap, Rockingham County, Va., which was set with diamonds. It is supposed that they may have been lost by Gov. Spottswood in his famous expedition described in Fontaine's history.

Since ladies' pockets have become so effectively concealed within the fold of their dresses, pickpockets have been obliged to invent a new method of stealing purses. It is to artificially elongate the first two fingers, so that they may serve as delicate pincers.

A boy's strange mania was brought to the notice of a London magistrate. The boy was five and a half years old, his favorite pastime being hailing a cabman off a rank and telling him he was wanted at some distant street, in order to get into the vehicle and have a ride.

Three little boxes of Ceylon tea, each weighing five pounds, were sold by auction in London lately at the extraordinary price of $7.62 per pound. It was a very rare variety known as "choicest golden tipped pekoe." The leaf was small, but literally blazed with golden tipping.

Sammy Brazelton was caught in one of his own bear traps at Trafton, Cal., and while waiting for assistance nearly starved to death. Postmaster Esterbrook happened along, however, as Sammy was about to faint from hunger and released him from his unfortunate predicament.

Gin Non, a Chinese merchant of Riverside, Cal., is about to return to China to secure himself a wife, and, in order to be allowed to land upon his return, he has drawn up a certificate setting forth who he is, and had his photograph pasted on the same sheet, and had the different county officials sign the document.

A three hours' drive with a snake was taken recently by a lady in Ceylon. On getting out of her carriage she moved the cushions to find something which had slipped down, and to her horror discovered a huge cobra coiled up underneath. Had not the creature been in a semi-torpid condition she could not have escaped alive.

THE HOMES OF PRIVATION.

HARD STRUGGLE OF THE IMPOVERISHED ARRAN ISLANDERS.

Girls Who Carry Sanded Seaweed to Make a Poor Soil, in Which to Grow a Scanty Crop of Potatoes.

Perhaps in no quarter of the globe is agriculture carried on under more disheartening conditions than in the Arran Islands. These islands, three in number, lie about ten miles off the west coast of Ireland, in the mouth of the Bay of Galway. They are simply three limestone rocks thrown up by some convulsion of nature long before the memory of man. During the ages a light deposit of soil has accumulated on the bare rocks in spots, particularly in the valleys, and peculiarly nutritious grass has sprung up. The blades of this grass are not flat, such as is the grass of this country, but perfectly round. The finest beef in the British isles is raised upon the scanty product of these sea-girt islands. But very little of this beef is eaten by the men who cultivate the juicy tenderloins and sirloins. It all goes to pay the rent, that gaunt spectre, ever feeding, yet ever hungry and greedy, which has stalked over the beautiful island of Erin for 800 years, drinking the milk of the cows, devouring the sheep and lambs, and leaving only the potatoes as a feeble barrier between existence and starvation.

But raising potatoes on the islands of Arran is quite a different thing from raising them in the State of New York. A large proportion of the arable land is reserved from necessity for grazing purposes. The soil in which the potatoes are cultivated is all artificial. It is made of a queer compost of sand and seaweed. The sand is carried from the seashore on the backs of donkeys and Irish girls to the spots selected for a garden. It is a common occurrence for a young woman of sixteen or eighteen years to carry basket loads of sand weighing 100 pounds from one to three miles all day long and then come home and do the household work before going to bed. It will readily be seen that the soil thus made must be very light. Whatever fructifying properties it possesses comes from the seaweed. In this manner every foot of tillable soil on the Arran Islands has been made for centuries. As only a very small portion of the surface of the islands is sufficiently smooth to permit of the deposit, the area under cultivation is necessarily very small. When the seed potatoes have been planted the Arraner begins to pray for rain. He prays that water may come down in bucketfuls, so that his little plot will be soaked all the time. For the limestone rock beneath his artificial garden contains at all times a frightful amount of latent heat stored in it from the sun's fiery rays, and, unless there is a wet season, such as prevails in the tropics, the seed potatoes will be fried into Saratoga chips in the earth.

If the season has been a good one from an Arran Island standpoint, the product would excite smiles on the part of a New Yorker, were it not so pitiful. The yield is a veritable example of the old saying, "small potatoes, and a few in a hill." A potato as big as a hen's egg would be the exception. The majority would be no bigger than an old fashioned "dodo," such as the boys used to play marbles with. One crop exhausts the strength of the soil, and the same process must be resorted to each year as far as the seaweed is concerned, in order that another crop may be raised. And so, during the centuries, the people have learned by bitter experience the value of seaweed as a fertilizer, and they consequently look upon it with the same jealousy as a New York farmer views his expensive guano. In this way rude customs which have grown into laws have sprung up with regard to the division of the precious fertilizer. No landowner can go down to the beach and gather seaweed whenever the notion strikes him to do so. He must go down to the sea in the spring of the year, when a certain weed which grows at the bottom of the sea begins to lose its hold, and join in the harvest of the seaweed. He must get into his little cockleshell boat, called a cunagh, made of ash ribs covered with canvas, and go at low tide to gather the weed. This is torn from the bottom by the aid of a rake sixteen feet long and carried ashore in the frail boat. It is then piled upon the beach in a heap. When the harvest is over two of the most important men on the island are selected to divide the weed. All the inhabitants, men, women and children are present on this occasion, to the number of between 3000 and 4000. The heap of seaweed is usually about 300 feet long, fifteen feet wide and ten feet high. The two men look the heap carefully over and agree on the place where it is to be divided. A narrow lane is then cut crosswise through the heap, dividing it into two piles. These heaps are in turn subdivided, until a hundred little heaps scattered over the beach indicate that each landowner has been allotted his share. The weed is then taken away at the leisure of the owner.

The Arraner, like the peasantry in other portions of Ireland, is as primitive to-day in his cooking of the potato as he 400 years ago. He knows of only one way to cook his favorite vegetable, and will listen to the explanation of no other mode. He simply washes the potato and boils it just as it comes from the earth, with its jacket on. After cooking the potatoes are turned out into an oval-shaped wicker contrivance, closely resembling the lid of a champagne basket. After all the water has been strained off the potatoes are dumped from the "skib," as it is called, upon the middle of the table. The family then gather around the table and eat potatoes, with a little salt, until hunger is satisfied. The Arran Island child who cannot eat from fifteen to twenty-five potatoes at a single sitting is considered to be ailing. Sometimes if the cow has recently "come in," the children are allowed the indulgence of the "dip." Fresh milk or buttermilk is placed in the bottom of a bowl. The child seizes the potato around the middle with the thumb and forefinger of the left hand. Then, with the flat of his right hand he knocks the skin off the top of the potato, and, squeezing it with his left hand, he forces the mealy contents of the vegetable out upon the table. This he picks up and squeezes together like new-fallen snow, dips it into the milk and transfers it to his mouth. Whatever may be said by scientists about the potato being ninety per cent. water, there is certainly some unknown quality about them which conserves in a most remarkable manner the health and strength of these rugged islanders. They will go out in their frail boats fishing all day, get wet to the skin, and sleep all night in the wet garments without any apparent ill effects. Even the little children frequently walk ten miles to procure a quart of milk for the visiting stranger, and return with as little concern as if they had just been around the corner to the grocery. Given plenty of potatoes, the Arraner has good health and is happy. Give him a chunk of boiled ling or codfish and he is delirious with delight. But he will cling to his old-fashioned style of cooking his potatoes.

One of the chief difficulties of the dwellers on these sea-girt isles is the procuring of turf with which to cook the potatoes. There is not a sod of turf in Arran. But across the narrow strait of ten miles of water on the Irish mainland there are thousands of acres of it. The turf is brought to the islands in little sloop-rigged vessels called "bookows." These vessels carry about the equivalent of a cord of wood. A load costs $25. Very few Arraners have that much money at one time, and so they club together sometimes as many as twenty-five of them being interested in a boat load. Some of them are so miserably poor that twelve cents will represent their interest in the fuel. It is all thrown out upon the wharf and carefully divided pro rata into heaps according to the amount invested. Then the young girls, wearing shoes made of the green hide of a cow, with the hair on the outside, come down like pack horses, with their wicker baskets strapped on their backs, and carry the turf away. In this manner, when nature has been so kindly in these sea-girt isles as to permit the potatoes to grow as large as egg, the pot is kept boiling.—*New York Sun.*

Italian Fruit Venders.

A comparatively new thing is the Mutual Beneficial Association of the Italian fruit venders. Each member pays a small monthly sum into the association, and in return receives $7 a week when he is too ill to turn the crank of a peanut roaster. The asssociation also undertakes to further the common interests of its members in various ways. The general public knows little of the street fruit vender, and probably thinks him a penniless wretch, whose days and nights are given up to tedious and unprofitable toil. As a matter of fact, the business, though trying by reason of long hours and exposure to weather, is more profitable than many trades requiring greater skill. The Italian newspapers teem with advertisements of corner fruit stands for sale, and the good-will of a well-established fruit business fetches a considerable sum. The outdoor life necessitated by the business is much less trying to the Italians than to people of most other nationalities, because the Italians come to the United States with the open-air habit fully formed; and even when their business does not necessitate it, they do their best to imitate here this feature of Italian life. Only the coldest and wettest weather keeps the inhabitants of Little Italy indoors, and ordinarily the sidewalks in that region swarm with people busied in their daily vocations.—*New York Star.*

Governor Oglesby and the Apples.

The crew of a passenger train on the Alton tells a good story of Governor Oglesby. He got on a south-bound train at Elkhart the other day and had a couple of little boys with him. The news agent came by in good time carrying a basket of red apples. Uncle Dick's boys wanted apples and importuned him to buy some for them. First he would not, but finally he relented a little. Then he asked the news agent:

"How do you sell apples?"

"Five cents each."

"How much?"

"Five cents each."

"My goodness, I sell better apples than those, grown on my farm, for thirty cents a bushel. Give the boys an apple apiece. Here is your dime."

Presently one of the boys said to the Governor:

"Pa, please lend me your knife."

"What for?"

"I want to peel my apple."

"Oh, no," replied the Governor. "You will not peel apples at five cents each with my knife. Eat it all, my son—skin, core and seeds."

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SAVE OLD FLANNELS.

Mrs. M. H. Lamb writes in *Orange Judd Farmer:* It is a common practice to destroy old cast-off flannels, or tear them into carpet rags. Don't do it! Have a basket for storing them after they are washed. Put it in a convenient place where any one of the family can find it and you can place your hands on it in the dark. Then when a child wakes in the night with a sore throat or a croupy cough you can quickly get and heat a flannel around the lamp chimney, and after greasing the afflicted parts with ointment or oil, apply flannel piping hot. This will quiet pain and give almost instant relief.

If you were obliged to get up and build a fire to heat bran sacks or other appliances, you would be more apt to neglect it until too late and cause much suffering to yourself and child. If the worn and feeble mother would heat a large flannel and lay it on her tired side, or any part of her body where there are aches and pains, she would be very agreeably relieved and save herself much suffering if the flannel could be secured in a moment. In some cases of sick and nervous headaches relief may be obtained by applying hot flannels to the stomach and head, especially if the patient is lacking in vitality. Try it, feeble mothers, and you will never more consider a flannel garment valueless, even if worn past usefulness as a garment.

POT-PIES WITH SODA CRUST.

The old-fashioned pot-pie, which was cooked by the gentle heat of a moderate fire of wood or charcoal, was made in a round-bottomed dinner-pot, sometimes with a soda-biscuit crust, which was substantially like baking-powder crust given for the lamb pot-pie, and sometimes with a suet crust, for which a recipe is given below; the meat, if at all tough, was first partly cooked in only water enough to prevent burning, all its gravy being carefully preserved; the dinner-pot was greased, and lined with an unbroken piece of crust, the meat placed in it, with abundant seasoning and very little gravy, or a few spoonfuls of cold water if the meat was uncooked; then the upper edges of the crust were slightly wet with cold water and drawn together and pressed in such a way as to prevent the escape of gravy; the cover of the pot was greased on the inside and put over the pot-pie, and it then was cooked by a very moderate fire three or four hours, or until the crust was browned; great care was taken not to burn the crust, and in dishing the pot-pie all the gravy was preserved.

With our modern cooking apparatus it would be difficult to cook a pot-pie of this kind without danger of burning, but it might be done with care, using a gas or oil stove where the heat can be exactly moderated. It certainly is a very delicious dish and very nourishing, because all the goodness of the meat is preserved. Usually no potatoes were added to it while cooking.—*Chicago News.*

RECIPES.

Meat Croquettes—Take one pint of cold potatoes, well mashed, one pint of cooked rice, one pint of cold meat chopped fine, mix thoroughly; make into balls the size of an egg, roll in meal or flour and fry until they are a light brown color. Any kind of meat or fish will answer.

Pumpkin Pie Without Eggs—Take half a gallon of stewed pumpkin, one a half cups of sugar, one cup of butter, three fourths cup of sweet milk, and half a teacup of flour; season to taste. Add the butter, and sugar and milk while the pumpkin is hot, and the flour just before baking. Beat together well, and bake with one crust.

Baked Tomatoes—Take large smooth tomatoes. Cut a slice from the end next to the stem, and take out the core and most of the seeds. Now make a rich dressing of bread crumbs, and a little finely minced cold ham or beef. Salt and pepper to taste, and butter enough to make it about the consistency of stiff dough. Fill the tomatoes with this, and bake until they are well done.

Potato Croquettes—Pare and boil three potatoes, mash and beat until light; add the yolk of one egg, a teaspoonful of chopped parsley, salt and pepper. Form into six cylinder shaped croquettes. Now you have two whites of eggs, one from the oyster cutlets and one from the potato croquettes. Put them together, add a tablespoonful of water, and beat until well mixed, but not light. Dip the cutlets and croquettes, first in this and then in bread crumbs, and fry them in smoking hot lard. Put the lard in a small saucepan, so that there will be a sufficient quantity to immerse the articles.

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THE HOMES OF PRIVATION.

HARD STRUGGLE OF THE IMPOVERISHED ARRAN ISLANDERS.

Girls Who Carry Sanded Seaweed to Make a Poor Soil, in Which to Grow a Scanty Crop of Potatoes.

Perhaps in no quarter of the globe is agriculture carried on under more disheartening conditions than in the Arran Islands. These islands, three in number, lie about ten miles off the west coast of Ireland, in the mouth of the Bay of Galway. They are simply three limestone rocks thrown up by some convulsion of nature long before the memory of man. During the ages a light deposit of soil has accumulated on the bare rocks in spots, particularly in the valleys, and peculiarly nutritious grass has sprung up. The blades of this grass are not flat, such as is the grass of this country, but perfectly round. The finest beef in the British isles is raised upon the scanty product of these sea-girt islands. But very little of this beef is eaten by the men who cultivate the juicy tenderloins and sirloins. It all goes to pay the rent, that gaunt spectre, ever feeding, yet ever hungry and greedy, which has stalked over the beautiful island of Erin for 800 years, drinking the milk of the cows, devouring the sheep and lambs, and leaving only the potatoes as a feeble barrier between existence and starvation.

But raising potatoes on the islands of Arran is quite a different thing from raising them in the State of New York. A large proportion of the arable land is reserved from necessity for grazing purposes. The soil in which the potatoes are cultivated is all artificial. It is made of a queer compost of sand and seaweed. The sand is carried from the seashore on the backs of donkeys and Irish girls to the spots selected for a garden. It is a common occurrence for a young woman of sixteen or eighteen years to carry basket loads of sand weighing 100 pounds from one to three miles all day long and then come home and do the household work before going to bed. It will readily be seen that the soil thus made must be very light. Whatever fructifying properties it possesses comes from the seaweed. In this manner every foot of tillable soil on the Arran Islands has been made for centuries. As only a very small portion of the surface of the islands is sufficiently smooth to permit of the deposit, the area under cultivation is necessarily very small. When the seed potatoes have been planted the Arraner begins to pray for rain. He prays that water may come down in bucketfuls, so that his little plot will be soaked all the time. For the limestone rock beneath his artificial garden contains at all times a frightful amount of latent heat stored in it from the sun's fiery rays, and, unless there is a wet season, such as prevails in the tropics, the seed potatoes will be fried into Saratoga chips in the earth.

If the season has been a good one from an Arran Island standpoint, the product would excite smiles on the part of a New Yorker, were it not so pitiful. The yield is a veritable example of the old saying, "small potatoes, and a few in a hill." A potato as big as a hen's egg would be the exception. The majority would be no bigger than an old fashioned "dodo," such as the boys used to play marbles with. One crop exhausts the strength of the soil, and the same process must be resorted to each year as far as the seaweed is concerned, in order that another crop may be raised. And so, during the centuries, the people have learned by bitter experience the value of seaweed as a fertilizer, and they consequently look upon it with the same jealousy as a New York farmer views his expensive guano. In this way rude customs which have grown into laws have sprung up with regard to the division of the precious fertilizer. No landowner can go down to the beach and gather seaweed whenever the notion strikes him to do so. He must go down to the sea in the spring of the year, when a certain weed which grows at the bottom of the sea begins to lose its hold, and join in the harvest of the seaweed. He must get into his little cockleshell boat, called a cunagh, made of ash ribs covered with canvas, and go at low tide to gather the weed. This is torn from the bottom by the aid of a rake sixteen feet long and carried ashore in the frail boat. It is then piled upon the beach in a heap. When the harvest is over two of the most important men on the island are selected to divide the weed. All the inhabitants, men, women and children are present on this occasion, to the number of between 3000 and 4000. The heap of seaweed is usually about 300 feet long, fifteen feet wide and ten feet high. The two men look the heap carefully over and agree on the place where it is to be divided. A narrow lane is then cut crosswise through the heap, dividing it into two piles. These heaps are in turn subdivided, until a hundred little heaps scattered over the beach indicate that each landowner has been allotted his share. The weed is then taken away at the leisure of the owner.

The Arraner, like the peasantry in other portions of Ireland, is as primitive to-day in his cooking of the potato as he 400 years ago. He knows of only one way to cook his favorite vegetable, and will listen to the explanation of no other mode. He simply washes the potato and boils it just as it comes from the earth, with its jacket on. After cooking the potatoes are turned out into an oval-shaped wicker contrivance, closely resembling the lid of a champagne basket. After all the water has been strained off the potatoes are dumped from the "skib," as it is called, upon the middle of the table. The family then gather around the table and eat potatoes, with a little salt, until hunger is satisfied. The Arran Island child who cannot eat from fifteen to twenty-five potatoes at a single sitting is considered to be ailing. Sometimes if the cow has recently "come in," the children are allowed the indulgence of the "dip." Fresh milk or buttermilk is placed in the bottom of a bowl. The child seizes the potato around the middle with the thumb and forefinger of the left hand. Then, with the flat of his right hand he knocks the skin off the top of the potato, and, squeezing it with his left hand, he forces the mealy contents of the vegetable out upon the table. This he picks up and squeezes together like new-fallen snow, dips it into the milk and transfers it to his mouth. Whatever may be said by scientists about the potato being ninety per cent. water, there is certainly some unknown quality about them which conserves in a most remarkable manner the health and strength of these rugged islanders. They will go out in their frail boats fishing all day, get wet to the skin, and sleep all night in the wet garments without any apparent ill effects. Even the little children frequently walk ten miles to procure a quart of milk for the visiting stranger, and return with as little concern as if they had just been around the corner to the grocery. Given plenty of potatoes, the Arraner has good health and is happy. Give him a chunk of boiled ling or codfish and he is delirious with delight. But he will cling to his old-fashioned style of cooking his potatoes.

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A comparatively new thing is the Mutual Beneficial Association of the Italian fruit venders. Each member pays a small monthly sum into the association, and in return receives $7 a week when he is too ill to turn the crank of a peanut roaster. The asssociation also undertakes to further the common interests of its members in various ways. The general public knows little of the street fruit vender, and probably thinks him a penniless wretch, whose days and nights are given up to tedious and unprofitable toil. As a matter of fact, the business, though trying by reason of long hours and exposure to weather, is more profitable than many trades requiring greater skill. The Italian newspapers teem with advertisements of corner fruit stands for sale, and the good-will of a well-established fruit business fetches a considerable sum. The outdoor life necessitated by the business is much less trying to the Italians than to people of most other nationalities, because the Italians come to the United States with the open-air habit fully formed; and even when their business does not necessitate it, they do their best to imitate here this feature of Italian life. Only the coldest and wettest weather keeps the inhabitants of Little Italy indoors, and ordinarily the sidewalks in that region swarm with people busied in their daily vocations.—*New York Star.*

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Other monster animals have not escaped man's appetite in Africa. The lion and hippopotamus are relished, while the Abyssinians find rhinoceros a dainty dish. All this seems strange, but when we know that some people prefer these curious meats decidedly, we must indeed exclaim there is no disputing taste.—*Picayune.*

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SAVE OLD FLANNELS.

Mrs. M. H. Lamb writes in *Orange Judd Farmer:* It is a common practice to destroy old cast-off flannels, or tear them into carpet rags. Don't do it! Have a basket for storing them after they are washed. Put it in a convenient place where any one of the family can find it and you can place your hands on it in the dark. Then when a child wakes in the night with a sore throat or a croupy cough you can quickly get and heat a flannel around the lamp chimney, and after greasing the afflicted parts with ointment or oil, apply flannel piping hot. This will quiet pain and give almost instant relief.

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With our modern cooking apparatus it would be difficult to cook a pot-pie of this kind without danger of burning, but it might be done with care, using a gas or oil stove where the heat can be exactly moderated. It certainly is a very delicious dish and very nourishing, because all the goodness of the meat is preserved. Usually no potatoes were added to it while cooking.—*Chicago News.*

RECIPES.

Meat Croquettes—Take one pint of cold potatoes, well mashed, one pint of cooked rice, one pint of cold meat chopped fine, mix thoroughly; make into balls the size of an egg, roll in meal or flour and fry until they are a light brown color. Any kind of meat or fish will answer.

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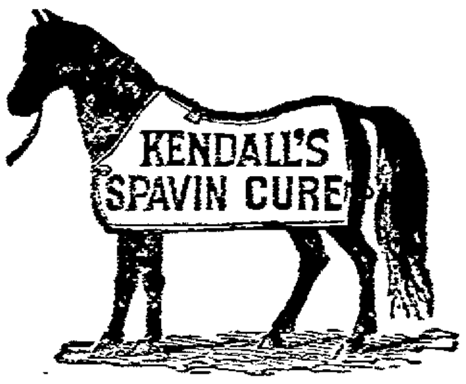

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Ruled "	$0 55 @ 0 60
Rye	0 55 @ 0 60
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Oats	0 40 @ 0 45
Clover seed	$4 00
Timothy seed	$1 00 @ $1 25
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Rye straw	8 00 @ 8 50

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No. 1 Fultz "	94
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Bran ℔ hundred,	1 00
Midlings,	1 15
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No. 1, THE MANSION PROPERTY, situate on Pitt street, in the borough of New Oxford, fronting 30 feet on Pitt street, by 180 feet deep, improved with a two-story weatherboarded dwelling house with back building attached, large double frame stable, ice cream manufactory, ice house, engine house, hog pen, chicken house, &c., two wells of water (one at house and one at stable,) large cistern in kitchen, some fruit, &c. Everything on the property is in the best of repair, and it is a very desirable home. This property has been used as an ice cream manufactory for ten years or more, and has every convenience for such an establishment

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Boys' suits at 3.75, that were sold at 6.00.
Boys' suits at 5.00, that were sold at 8.00.
Child's suit at $1.00, that was sold at $1.50.
Child's suit at 1.50, that was sold at 2.00.
Child's suit at 2.00, that was sold at 3.00.
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Men's Overcoats at 5.00, that were sold at 8.00.
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Boys' Overcoats at 3.00, that were sold at 5.00.
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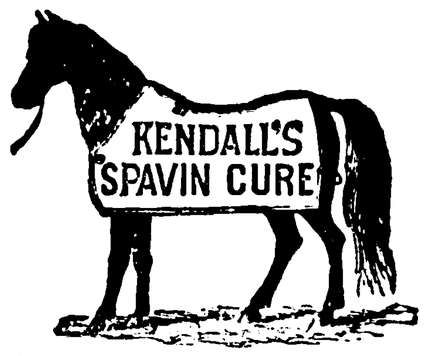

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FRIDAY EVENING, DEC. 19, 1890.

TOWN AND COUNTRY.

HOLIDAY LOCALS.

TO THE FRONT! A full array of Holiday presents. Call and see them at the Family Grocery.

Fresh Oysters at Warner's: only 35cts. per quart.

A large line of handsome Mufflers, Jewelry, &c., &c., suitable for Christmas Presents, at COFFIN'S, Phila. St.

You can buy a Lady's Solid Gold Set Ring, for from $1.00 to $15.00 at BLOCHER'S, Gettysburg, Pa.

For a cheap Wine Set, go to J. M. MARTIN'S, Irishtown; 6 wine goblets, large decanter and tray, only 60cts.

For Christmas Goods go to Carver & Little, Hanover.

Elgin, Waltham, or Springfield Keywind Watches for $6, at BLOCHER'S Jewelry Store, Gettysburg.

New Orleans Sugar and Molasses, cheap at Warner's.

Eight-Day, Cathedral-Gong Clocks at C. A. Blocher's, Gettysburg, for $3.50.

Buy your Overcoats and Suits of Carver & Little, Hanover.

For good Cabinet Photographs go to TIPTON, the Gettysburg Photographer, he is below all others in price.—Albums, Easels, Paintings, Frames, &c., at prices away down.

Ice Cream! Ice Cream! At Warner's stores, on Friday and Saturday.

In another column of to-day's ITEM will be found the advertisement of C. F. Coffin, announcing the sacrifice sale of all the goods formerly belonging to W. M. Swartz. Some rare bargains are to had. Call and see him, as it may be to your advantage to do so.

You will be surprised at the low prices on such fine quality of Holiday Goods as are on display at the FAMILY GROCERY.

A big line of Ladies' Plush Coats at Carver & Little's, Hanover.

Before purchasing your Holiday presents, see the handsome gold and silver watches, for ladies and gentlemen, also a fine lot of silverware, at J. W. Dicks' drug and jewelry store.

Eggs! Eggs! 27 cents per dozen, at Warner's stores.

Mr. C. F. Coffin, successor to W. M. Swartz, is now ready for business. Mr. Coffin comes to New Oxford with the intention of making this his future home, and he should receive a good share of public patronage. Just now there aresome big bargains to be had at his store.

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Carver & Little have the nicest line of Silk Umbrellas in Hanover.

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All Glassware reduced in price, at Warner's.

Men's and Boys' Clothing, Ladies' Coats, and Boots and Shoes of all kinds at sacrifice prices at COFFIN'S, Philadelphia street.

For Seal Skin, Beaver, Opossum, Tiger, Angora or Coney Muffs go to Carver & Little, Hanover.

Santa Claus has commissioned us to tell you that his headquarters are at the Family Grocery Store. You will think so yourself when you see our profusion of Gift Goods for Old and Young. We haven't space to enumerate half the good and won't waste time trying. O. A. SMITH.

Christmas Thursday of next week.

Mr. W. F. Crouse, of Littlestown, lost a valuable alderney cow by death last week.

Western Maryland railroad stock sold in Hagerstown last week, for $10.15—par value $50.

The time for shooting partridges expired on Monday. They still appear to be very plentiful.

A straw stack on the farm of John Sanders of J., of Fairfield took fire Thursday evening last, and was entirely consumed.

Mr. D. H. Klingel, of Baltimore, a brother of Mr. George A. Klingel, of this place, fell off a street car recently and broke a leg.

Harry W. Martin, of Littlestown, was sentenced to an imprisonment of two months and fined $100 for using the mails for fraudulant purposes.

Man is often deceived in the age of a woman by her gray hair. Ladies, you can appear young and prevent this grayness by using Hall's Hair Renewer.

An effort is being made to start a building and Loan Association in Littlestown. Prominent business men of the place are interested in the movement.

The net proceeds of the festival and entertainment for the benefit of the organ fund, held by the public schools on Saturday afternoon and evening, amounted to $27.31.

Laborers are at work near Menges' Mill, on the roadbed of the Eastern Extension of the Western Maryland Railroad from Porter's Sidingto York. Only a small force is engaged.

While engaged in blasting along the oil pipe line the other day, a Mr. Deatrick, who resides in the neighborhood of Hampton, was struck on the back of his head by a flying fragment of rock, rendering him unconscious for a time.

Mr. Jas. W. Ocker, while standing in front of his meat shop in Littlestown one day last week, had the misfortune to slip and fall, striking the window behind him, breaking two panes of glass and cutting a painful gash in his right arm below the elbow.

A missionary meeting will be held in the M. E. church, this place, on Sunday morning next, Dec. 21st. Rev. C. W. Green, a member of Japan conference and presiding elder of the Hokodati district, will preach the sermon. The public are respectfully requested to be present and hear about the work in Japan.

Harry Keller, of Littlestown, met with an accident recently which might have proven serious. As he was getting into his wagon near Silver Run, he slipped and fell under the wagon the wheels passing over his body. The frightened horses ran home. Mr. Keller was badly bruised but able to walk home.

The bonds of Sheriff-elect N. W. Stoner, Clerk of the Courts J. B. Carns, Register and Recorder Thad. O. Collins and County Treasurer David Troxel have been approved by the Court. Mr. Carns has appointed his predecessor John H. Stable, Esq., as his deputy, and Mr. Collins, his predecessor, Jacob H. Weirman, Esq., his deputy.

Several weeks ago Mr. Samuel Herbst was found unconscious in one of his lots near town. It is supposed that while trimming some trees he slipped and was thrown to the ground He soon recovered his senses, but ever since has complained of his head, although he attended to his business as usual. Ten days ago he sent for a physician and has been confined to the house ever since. At this writing his brain is affected and he is regarded as seriously ill.—Star.

Mr. John H. Brown, of Hamiltonban township, was engaged in hauling in a load of cornfodder the other day, when he was thrown from the top of the load, on which he was standing at the time. The fodder also was thrown off the wagon, falling upon Mr. Brown and completely covering him. When it was removed, Mr. Brown was found lying on the ground underneath in an unconscious condition, though he was not badly hurt.

Last Friday about noon the residence of Mr. Howard Houck, in Butler township, was burned. The fire originated from the flue of the bake oven and communicated to the outkitchen and from thence to the main building. Although the alarm was given as soon as possible, and a large number responding, yet the fire had gotten beyond control. By almost superhuman efforts the household goods were carried from the burning building. Insured in the in the Liberty and Independent of Adams county for $1,002.83.

A LETTER OF THANKS.—Mr. Frank Steffy has but recently received from the Ketterer Wagon Company, a letter thanking him and our people for the generous offer made to them as an inducement for them to locate here. New Oxford's offer was a gift of five acres of land along the railroad, water, and exemption from taxes for ten years, which we think was very generous for us, and we are very glad to note that we have among us enough public spirited men to back it up. We hope that this spirit will not be allowed to wane because of this failure, but on the other hand be strengthened by it and eventually end in success.

MASONIC—At a meeting of Hebron Lodge, No. 465, F. and A. M., of this place, held Monday, Dec. 15th the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: W. M., A. W. Himes; S. W., John C. Barnitz; J. W., C. H. Emmert; Treasurer, Z. H. Cashman; Secretary, James W. Barnitz; Trustees, Wm. A. Himes, C. H. Emmert and J. Mc. Gilbert.

FROM CASHTOWN.—Samuel Baltzley's wash house was burned down on Saturday the 6th inst. Mr. Baltzley not being at home at the time everything was burned together with a lot of carpenter tools Supposed to have caught from a spark, as they had fire in the wash-house at the time.

Some time in October, when the men clearing the right of way across the mountain were at work, George Staley, from near the Caledonia Springs, cut his knee with an axe and has been bedfast since. On Friday one of the bosses raised about $20 for his assistance; he also stated the matter to the paymaster, and he gave him a month's extra pay.

Emanuel Bingamin and Charles Deardorff secured a young doe on the mountain. Mr. Wm. Staley, from Cold Spring corner, while out with a number of fellows after deer, was shot in the neck by one of the party with a stray buck shot. The load was shot at a deer and killed it, but Mr. Staley unfortunately was in range. The wound was not serious but painful, and a very close call. A strange coincidence connected with the gun is that is said to be the same gun that caused the death of two persons before this, in Buchanan Valley some years ago while hunting deer.

If it is elocution that you are after, let me tell you that you will never improve your speech until you cure that horrid catarrh with a box of Old Saul's Catarrh Cure.

The most troublesome and dangerous effects arise from the slightest cause, and often the baby's serious sickness could be prevented by promptly using Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup at the begining. Price 25 cents a bottle.

The school hereby extends thanks to Messrs. J. E. C. Miller and H. A. Sherman and Prof. H. O. Himes for services rendered; also to the general public and all who so liberally aided and patronized the festival for the organ fund.

Com. { CHAS HERSH. NAOMI SCHNELL. BESSIE GITT.

Mrs. Laura Miller, living in Huntingdon township, was stricken by death very suddenly last Wednesday morning. She had gone out to milk the cows and whilst engaged in milking had to stop several times before finishing on account of pain. She then went in and strained the milk and put it away and sat down and expired in a short time.

McSherrystown's Town Council has adopted ordinances opening and extending First street southwards 416 feet to South street, 48 feet wide through lands of the Sisters of St. Joseph; and established a grade for North street, (which is about 1,200 feet in width.)

TO THE AFFLICTED.—Mr. G. B. Nace, agent for C. U. Hoke's wonderful Electro-Medicated Appliances will be at the Eagle Hotel, New Oxford, on Friday, December 19th, and every first and third Friday of each month thereafter. A lady attendant will be present to wait upon lady customers.

NOTICE.—The undersigned would respectfully notify his customers that he must have money on or before January 1st, 1891, and all knowing themselves indebted to him should call and settle before that date, to save themselves costs of collecting. J. SENFT.

If you want a good Mt. Joy Plow, farm wagon, or any kind of farm machinery, call on or address, T. C. NOEL, Centennial, Adams county, Pa. Repairs for Mt. Joy plows always on hand.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.—At an adjourned court held Monday and Tuesday the following business was transacted:

Use of Sarah J. Hay vs. John Kemper, dec'd, heirs and executors. Judgment was given for $108.42.

H. Amos Delap vs. the Burgess and town council of the borough of Gettysburg. In equity. Motion was made to annul bill in equity and annulment was allowed.

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Before purchasing your Holiday presents, see the handsome gold and silver watches, for ladies and gentlemen, also a fine lot of silverware, at J. W. Dicks' drug and jewelry store.

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Santa Claus has commissioned us to tell you that his headquarters are at the Family Grocery Store. You will think so yourself when you see our profusion of Gift Goods for Old and Young. We haven't space to enumerate half the good and won't waste time trying. O. A. SMITH.

Christmas Thursday of next week.

Mr. W. F. Crouse, of Littlestown, lost a valuable alderney cow by death last week.

Western Maryland railroad stock sold in Hagerstown last week, for $10.15—par value $50.

The time for shooting partridges expired on Monday. They still appear to be very plentiful.

A straw stack on the farm of John Sanders of J., of Fairfield took fire Thursday evening last, and was entirely consumed.

Mr. D. H. Klingel, of Baltimore, a brother of Mr. George A. Klingel, of this place, fell off a street car recently and broke a leg.

Harry W. Martin, of Littlestown, was sentenced to an imprisonment of two months and fined $100 for using the mails for fraudulant purposes.

Man is often deceived in the age of a woman by her gray hair. Ladies, you can appear young and prevent this grayness by using Hall's Hair Renewer.

An effort is being made to start a building and Loan Association in Littlestown. Prominent business men of the place are interested in the movement.

The net proceeds of the festival and entertainment for the benefit of the organ fund, held by the public schools on Saturday afternoon and evening, amounted to $27.31.

Laborers are at work near Menges' Mill, on the roadbed of the Eastern Extension of the Western Maryland Railroad from Porter's Sidingto York. Only a small force is engaged.

While engaged in blasting along the oil pipe line the other day, a Mr. Deatrick, who resides in the neighborhood of Hampton, was struck on the back of his head by a flying fragment of rock, rendering him unconscious for a time.

Mr. Jas. W. Ocker, while standing in front of his meat shop in Littlestown one day last week, had the misfortune to slip and fall, striking the window behind him, breaking two panes of glass and cutting a painful gash in his right arm below the elbow.

A missionary meeting will be held in the M. E. church, this place, on Sunday morning next, Dec 21st. Rev. C. W. Green, a member of Japan conference and presiding elder of the Hokodati district, will preach the sermon. The public are respectfully requested to be present and hear about the work in Japan.

Harry Keller, of Littlestown, met with an accident recently which might have proven serious. As he was getting into his wagon near Silver Run, he slipped and fell under the wagon the wheels passing over his body. The frightened horses ran home. Mr. Keller was badly bruised but able to walk home.

The bonds of Sheriff elect N. W. Stoner, Clerk of the Courts J. B. Carns, Register and Recorder Thad. O. Collins and County Treasurer David Troxel have been approved by the Court. Mr. Carns has appointed his predecessor John H. Stahle, Esq., as his deputy, and Mr. Collins, his predecessor, Jacob H. Weirman, Esq., his deputy.

Several weeks ago Mr. Samuel Herbst was found unconscious in one of his lots near town. It is supposed that while trimming some trees he slipped and was thrown to the ground He soon recovered his senses, but ever since has complained of his head, although he attended to his business as usual. Ten days ago he sent for a physician and has been confined to the house ever since. At this writing his brain is affected and he is regarded as seriously ill.—Star.

Mr. John H. Brown, of Hamiltonban township, was engaged in hauling in a load of cornfodder the other day, when he was thrown from the top of the load, on which he was standing at the time. The fodder also was thrown off the wagon, falling upon Mr. Brown and completely covering him. When it was removed, Mr. Brown was found lying on the ground underneath in an unconscious condition, though he was not badly hurt.

Last Friday about noon the residence of Mr Howard Houck, in Butler township, was burned. The fire originated from the flue of the bake oven and communicated to the out-kitchen and from thence to the main building. Although the alarm was given as soon as possible, and a large number responding, yet the fire had gotten beyond control. By almost superhuman efforts the household goods were carried from the burning building. Insured in the in the Liberty and Independent of Adams county for $1,002.83.

A LETTER OF THANKS.—Mr. Frank Steffy has but recently received from the Ketterer Wagon Company, a letter thanking him and our people for the generous offer made to them as an inducement for them to locate here. New Oxford's offer was a gift of five acres of land along the railroad, water, and exemption from taxes for ten years, which we think was very generous for us, and we are very glad to note that we have among us enough public spirited men to back it up. We hope that this spirit will not be allowed to wane because of this failure, but on the other hand be strengthened by it and eventually end in success.

MASONIC—At a meeting of Hebron Lodge, No. 465, F. and A. M., of this place, held Monday, Dec. 15th the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: W. M., A. W. Himes; S. W., John C. Barnitz; J. W., C. H. Emmert; Treasurer, Z. H. Cashman; Secretary, James W. Barnitz; Trustees, Wm. A. Himes, C. H. Emmert and J. Mc. Gilbert.

FROM CASHTOWN.—Samuel Baltzley's wash house was burned down on Saturday the 6th inst. Mr. Baltzley not being at home at the time everything was burned together with a lot of carpenter tools Supposed to have caught from a spark, as they had fire in the wash-house at the time.

Some time in October, when the men clearing the right of way across the mountain were at work, George Staley, from near the Caledonia Springs, cut his knee with an axe and has been bedfast since. On Friday one of the bosses raised about $20 for his assistance; he also stated the matter to the paymaster, and he gave him a month's extra pay.

Emanuel Bingamin and Charles Deardorff secured a young doe on the mountain. Mr. Wm. Staley, from Cold Spring corner, while out with a number of fellows after deer, was shot in the neck by one of the party with a stray buck shot. The load was shot at a deer and killed it, but Mr. Staley unfortunately was in range. The wound was not serious but painful, and a very close call. A strange coincidence connected with the gun is that is said to be the same gun that caused the death of two persons before this, in Buchanan Valley some years ago while hunting deer.

If it is elocution that you are after, let me tell you that you will never improve your speech until you cure that horrid catarrh with a box of Old Saul's Catarrh Cure.

The most troublesome and dangerous effects arise from the slightest cause, and often the baby's serious sickness could be prevented by promptly using Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup at the begining. Price 25 cents a bottle.

The school hereby extends thanks to Messrs. J. E C. Miller and H. A. Sherman and Prof. H. O. Himes for services rendered; also to the general public and all who so liberally aided and patronized the festival for the organ fund.

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Mrs. Laura Miller, living in Huntingdon township, was stricken by death very suddenly last Wednesday morning. She had gone out to milk the cows and whilst engaged in milking had to stop several times before finishing on account of pain. She then went in and strained the milk and put it away and sat down and expired in a short time.

McSherrystown's Town Council has adopted ordinances opening and extending First street southwards 416 feet to South street, 48 feet wide through lands of the Sisters of St. Joseph; and established a grade for North street, (which is about 1,200 feet in width.)

TO THE AFFLICTED.—Mr. G. B. Nace, agent for C. U. Hoke's wonderful Electro-Medicated Appliances will be at the Eagle Hotel, New Oxford, on Friday, December 19th, and every first and third Friday of each month thereafter. A lady attendant will be present to wait upon lady customers.

NOTICE.—The undersigned would respectfully notify his customers that he must have money on or before January 1st, 1891, and all knowing themselves indebted to him should call and settle before that date, to save themselves costs of collecting. J. SENFT.

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KILL THE POOREST PIGS FIRST.

It often happens on every farm that the pork barrel gives out early and the farmer is obliged to resort to his pigpen for a fresh supply. It is almost equally common for the inexperienced farmer to select the most thrifty pig in his lot for killing first. This is nearly always a mistake. The lack of thriftiness is not cured by age, and when one pig is eighty and the other a hundred-weight, the increase is likely to be 120 and 200 if both are kept long enough. The stunted pig should be killed as soon as it is in fairly good condition. A thrifty pig will pay for keeping until it rolls in its own fat, and will often pay better between 100 and 200 pounds that at any early period of its growth.—*Boston Cultivator.*

DRY SEED-WHEAT.

Every few years some farmer makes the discovery that the old wheat is best for seed. There is no doubt that wheat seed retains its vitality under favorable conditions many years, but the reason why a year's addition to the age of wheat makes it better for seed is undoubtedly its greater dryness and hardness. This is especially true after a damp summer and harvest like that just passed. If new wheat must be sown make it as dry as possible. It may be even advisable, after getting it dried out as much as you can otherwise, to place it thinly for a few hours in kiln at a heat not more than 120 degrees. The more moisture that can be got out of the seed-wheat without injuring vitality the more it will swell when placed in moist soil, and the growth will be all the more vigorous. If sound old wheat can be had it is always safe to sow that; but the stock of good wheat of the crop of 1888 is not large anywhere.—*Chicago Times.*

MACHINERY ON THE FARM.

When machinery was first introduced upon the farms of this country there was bitter opposition made against it, not only by the hired hands, who thought they saw their occupation leaving them, but even the farmers themselves could not approve of such ruthless work. Now, however, this is all changed, and especially on the dairy farm, where every new machine or improvement on the old one is welcomed at least for a trial. In this way we have seen all the modern methods taken up and tried fairly and squarely. The last to go through this trial was the separator, which became so favorably fixed in the good opinion of the people that scarcely a single factory dare proceed without one, unless there was some exceptional features surrounding it. The next machine to come into general use will be the butter extractor, which takes off more than half the labor needed with the separator and makes the finest of butter without the need of skill. The farmers want it, and the creameries will have it. Such has been the history of all good, practical machines since the first prejudice of the farmers was overcome.—*National Dairyman.*

WINTER POULTRY BREEDING.

Winter poultry breeding is as profitable as it is risky, and the risk can be reduced to a minimum by careful forethought.

The chick must be kept warm until it is six weeks old, or it will reach a point where growth seems to cease. Like a young pig it becomes stunted very easily in winter, and it is much easier to stop its growth than to increase it. The young chick will always thrive in winter if given plenty of warmth. It was not originally intended for the chick to come into the world in winter, says the *Mirror and Farmer*, but as it is now a subject of domestication, the domestic methods must be resorted to in order to enable it to thrive and accomplish the purposes sought by its introduction to existence in the winter season. The greatest loss occurs from diseases of the bowels. When this appears the cause is attributed to the food, and the attempt is made to save the chicks by all manner of feeding, but the real cause of the bowel disease is cold on the bowels, due to lack of sufficient heat. This cold does not come from prolonged exposure, or from a lack of warmth during the day, but from the failure to supply the warmth at night, at which time the chicks are quiet and do not have the aid of exercise. A single night's exposure (or even an hour), to a temperature that will cause the chicks to crowd, will bring on the bowel disease. When the whole brood is attacked by it, the chances of saving the chicks are very slim, as they seldom fully recover, or, if they pass the critical stage of the difficulty, they seldom amount to anything afterward. In raising early chicks for broilers, therefore, the main condition is warmth, continued warmth, and plenty of it, as 100 degrees is not too much for very young chicks.

FARM AND GARDEN NOTES.

Changing pastures makes fat calves.

Are your mowers and reapers ready?

The first dry spell clean out your well.

Keep the cultivator going in the corn.

Fine farm factors—diaries and dairies.

Be on time in cutting grass and grain.

Ignore "the corners" and—grow corn.

Needs—small farms and better culture.

Harvest prospects abroad are favorable.

Hard coal ashes make a good dust bath for hens.

Canada thistles should be cut when in full bloom, if not done before.

Make a war of extermination against thistles, bushes and like nuisances.

Assort well and pack neatly for marketing, and you will establish a good reputation.

Convert farming into a profession and it will soon become the most learned of all the professions.

Gather your sweet corn seed before it has a chance to get frosted. Then dry it and keep it dry.

"Saving a dollar's worth of labor in moving back the hay carefully as it is put in, may cost two dollars in taking it out."

Horses, especially the work teams, should be groomed carefully now, when sweaty and dusty. This should be done at night.

Some one with the correct idea of how to treat a cow, has said. "Speak to her as you would to a lady, kindly and respectfully."

Young colts are often injured by attempting to do too much at the start; better results can be secured by increasing gradually.

Select some of the best mares and breed them to a thoroughbred draft horse. This is one of the cheapest and best ways of improving.

It is important that the corn crib be cleaned out and fumigated so as to destroy insects. This is especially true in the Southern States.

Pinch off the tips of the new canes of blackberries and raspberries when they reach a height of from three to four feet, this will make them stalky.

The object of cultivation is not only to kill weeds and grass but also to loosen the soil. This forms the best possible mulch and safeguard against drought.

The young suckers in the raspberry and blackberry beds should be treated as weeds and cut out with the hoe, leaving only those necessary to fill vacancies.

Ten pounds of bran and five pounds of corn meal added to a bushel of boiled potatoes are declared an excellent feed for growing pigs. Give these a good wetting with skim milk and we will indorse the ration.

Fertilizers applied to the soil not only benefit it for that year, but for several subsequent ones. The soluble elements are not all within the reach of the roots of the first crop. Besides some of them dissolve slowly year by year.

Early cutting of hay not only secures a more digestible fodder, but encourages the growth of a second crop on the same field. The nearer the grass is to maturity when cut the less vigor is there left in the root to grow a second crop.

How much fertilizer should be used per acre? That depends on the condition of your acre. It might not need any, or it might need several cords, or an amount anywhere between the two extremes. It might need one ingredient or it might need another, or even a complete fertilizer.

Turkeys are capable of rapid digestion and are always apparently hungry. If allowed to forage they can be kept at a very small expense, but when kept in confinement they consume more than hens. When young and growing they produce a carcass equivalent to the food consumed.

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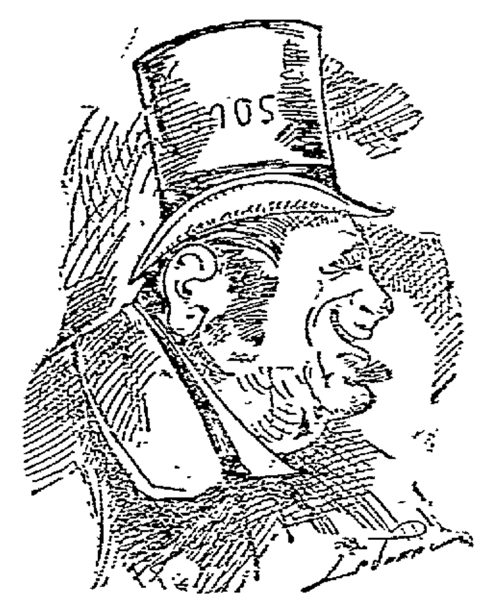

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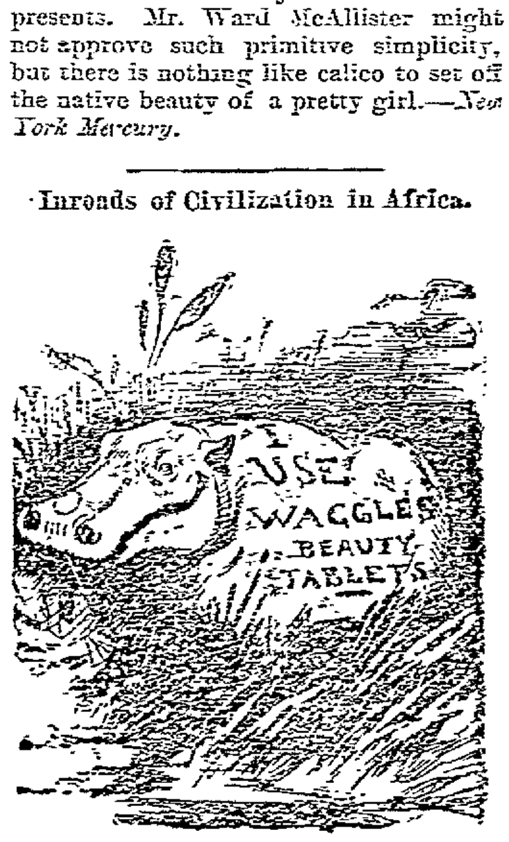

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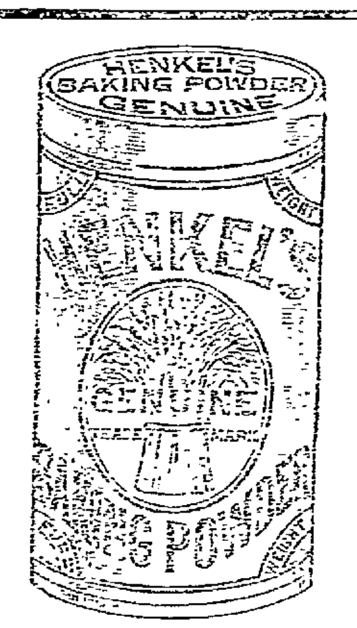

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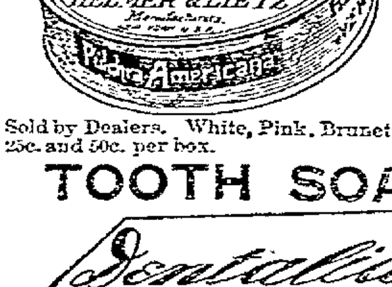

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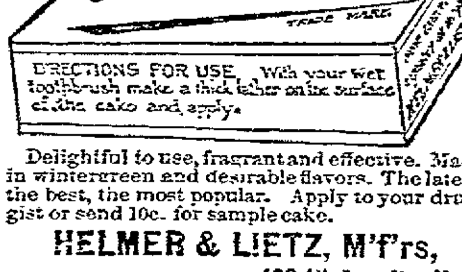

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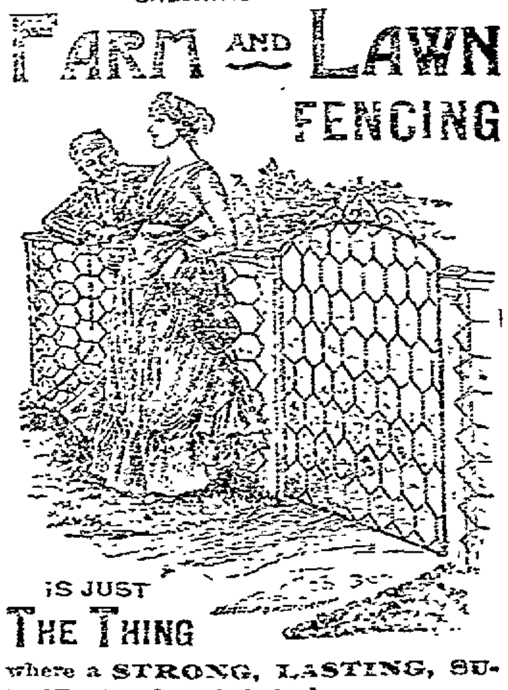
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KILL THE POOREST PIGS FIRST.

It often happens on every farm that the pork barrel gives out early and the farmer is obliged to resort to his pigpen for a fresh supply. It is almost equally common for the inexperienced farmer to select the most thrifty pig in his lot for killing first. This is nearly always a mistake. The lack of thriftiness is not cured by age, and when one pig is eighty and the other a hundred-weight, the increase is likely to be 120 and 200 if both are kept long enough. The stunted pig should be killed as soon as it is in fairly good condition. A thrifty pig will pay for keeping until it rolls in its own fat, and will often pay better between 100 and 200 pounds that at any early period of its growth.—*Boston Cultivator.*

DRY SEED-WHEAT.

Every few years some farmer makes the discovery that the old wheat is best for seed. There is no doubt that wheat seed retains its vitality under favorable conditions many years, but the reason why a year's addition to the age of wheat makes it better for seed is undoubtedly its greater dryness and hardness. This is especially true after a damp summer and harvest like that just passed. If new wheat must be sown make it as dry as possible. It may be even advisable, after getting it dried out as much as you can otherwise, to place it thinly for a few hours in kiln at a heat not more than 120 degrees. The more moisture that can be got out of the seed-wheat without injuring vitality the more it will swell when placed in moist soil, and the growth will be all the more vigorous. If sound old wheat can be had it is always safe to sow that; but the stock of good wheat of the crop of 1888 is not large anywhere.—*Chicago Times.*

MACHINERY ON THE FARM.

When machinery was first introduced upon the farms of this country there was bitter opposition made against it, not only by the hired hands, who thought they saw their occupation leaving them, but even the farmers themselves could not approve of such ruthless work. Now, however, this is all changed, and especially on the dairy farm, where every new machine or improvement on the old one is welcomed at least for a trial. In this way we have seen all the modern methods taken up and tried fairly and squarely. The last to go through this trial was the separator, which became so favorably fixed in the good opinion of the people that scarcely a single factory dare proceed without one, unless there was some exceptional features surrounding it. The next machine to come into general use will be the butter extractor, which takes off more than half the labor needed with the separator and makes the finest of butter without the need of skill. The farmers want it, and the creameries will have it. Such has been the history of all good, practical machines since the first prejudice of the farmers was overcome.—*National Dairyman.*

WINTER POULTRY BREEDING.

Winter poultry breeding is as profitable as it is risky, and the risk can be reduced to a minimum by careful forethought.

The chick must be kept warm until it is six weeks old, or it will reach a point where growth seems to cease. Like a young pig it becomes stunted very easily in winter, and it is much easier to stop its growth than to increase it. The young chick will always thrive in winter if given plenty of warmth. It was not originally intended for the chick to come into the world in winter, says the *Mirror and Farmer*, but as it is now a subject of domestication, the domestic methods must be resorted to in order to enable it to thrive and accomplish the purposes sought by its introduction to existence in the winter season. The greatest loss occurs from diseases of the bowels. When this appears the cause is attributed to the food, and the attempt is made to save the chicks by all manner of feeding, but the real cause of the bowel disease is cold on the bowels, due to lack of sufficient heat. This cold does not come from prolonged exposure, or from a lack of warmth during the day, but from the failure to supply the warmth at night, at which time the chicks are quiet, and do not have the aid of exercise. A single night's exposure (or even an hour), to a temperature that will cause the chicks to crowd, will bring on the bowel disease. When the whole brood is attacked by it, the chances of saving the chicks are very slim, as they seldom fully recover, or, if they pass the critical stage of the difficulty, they seldom amount to anything afterward. In raising early chicks for broilers, therefore, the main condition is warmth, continued warmth, and plenty of it, as 100 degrees is not too much for very young chicks.

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Changing pastures makes fat calves.

Are your mowers and reapers ready?

The first dry spell clean out your well.

Keep the cultivator going in the corn.

Fine farm factors—diaries and dairies.

Be on time in cutting grass and grain.

Ignore "the corners" and—grow corn.

Needs—small farms and better culture.

Harvest prospects abroad are favorable.

Hard coal ashes make a good dust bath for hens.

Canada thistles should be cut when in full bloom, if not done before.

Make a war of extermination against thistles, bushes and like nuisances.

Assort well and pack neatly for marketing, and you will establish a good reputation.

Convert farming into a profession and it will soon become the most learned of all the professions.

Gather your sweet corn seed before it has a chance to get frosted. Then dry it and keep it dry.

"Saving a dollar's worth of labor in moving back the hay carefully as it is put in, may cost two dollars in taking it out."

Horses, especially the work teams, should be groomed carefully now, when sweaty and dusty. This should be done at night.

Some one with the correct idea of how to treat a cow, has said. "Speak to her as you would to a lady, kindly and respectfully."

Young colts are often injured by attempting to do too much at the start; better results can be secured by increasing gradually.

Select some of the best mares and breed them to a thoroughbred draft horse. This is one of the cheapest and best ways of improving.

It is important that the corn crib be cleaned out and fumigated so as to destroy insects. This is especially true in the Southern States.

Pinch off the tips of the new canes of blackberries and raspberries when they reach a height of from three to four feet, this will make them stalky.

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The young suckers in the raspberry and blackberry beds should be treated as weeds and cut out with the hoe, leaving only those necessary to fill vacancies.

Ten pounds of bran and five pounds of corn meal added to a bushel of boiled potatoes are declared an excellent feed for growing pigs. Give these a good wetting with skim milk and we will indorse the ration.

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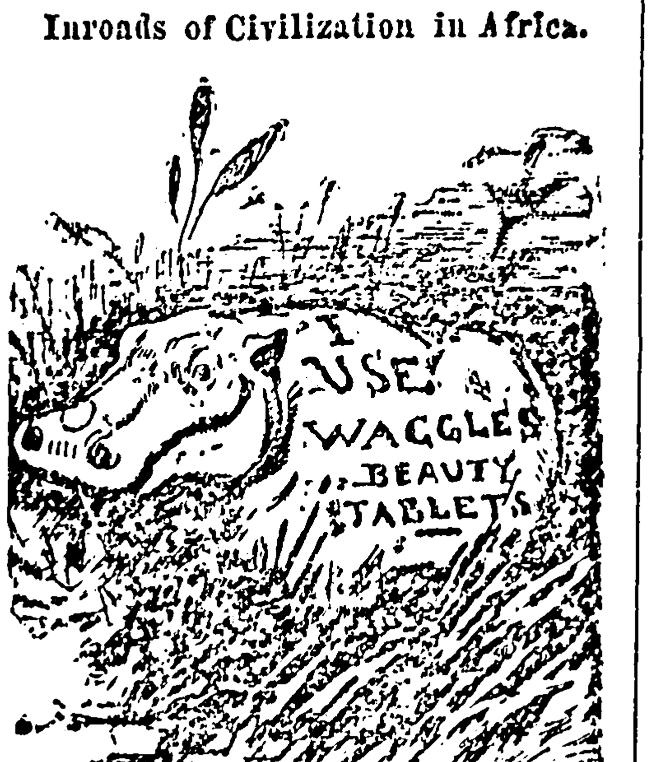

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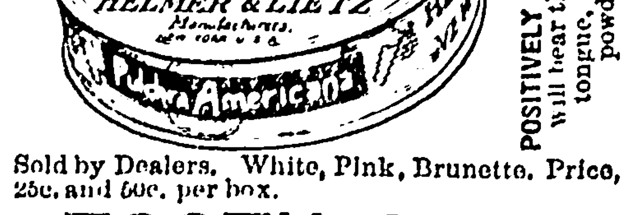

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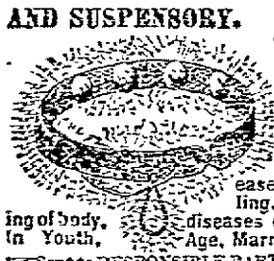

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'Tis a country of flowers and fountains,
With landscapes fair to behold,
Where green hills and grey mountains
Stretch away toward a sunset of gold.

There are fruits that mortals ne'er tasted,
There are skies of beauty most rare,
And, although it is time wasted,
We long for this land of the air.

'Tis a place we never shall visit,
Though often we gaze on its charms,
For it comes as a pleasure exquisite,
When we rest in old Morpheus's arms.
—*E. R. Pritchard, in Arkansaw Traveler.*

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

Castles in the air do not bring in any rent.—*Galveston News.*

You can easily fill the public eye if you only have the dust.—*New York News.*

She—"He talks like a book." He—"What a pity he doesn't shut up as easily."—*Life.*

Clever tact will win in business, and clever tacking will win a yacht race.—*Pittsburg Dispatch.*

They fill our daily cup with gall
As through the world we go,
These two: The man who knows it all
And he who "told you so."

A level surface is flat, yet there is a distinction between a level-headed man and a flat-headed one.—*Pittsburg Chronicle.*

A dead man is given more charity than he can make use of; a living man isn't given as much as he deserves.—*Atchison Globe.*

"This is the worst snap I ever struck," remarked the woodchuck when he got caught in a steel trap.—*Binghamton Republican.*

Goslin—"I just gave him a piece of my mind, doucherknow." Dolly (anxiously)—"How could you spare it?"—*Munsey's Weekly.*

She—"I hope you do not remain in the parlor when your sister receives her fiance" He—"No; 'cause I'm afraid of the dark."—*Life.*

She—"If you attempt to kiss me I'll call mamma." He—"What would happen then?" She—"Oh, nothing, for mamma isn't at home."—*Chicago Post.*

The iceman now doth count with glee
The gold of summer's winning;
The coal man, too, exults; for he
Will now enjoy an inning.
—*Munsey's Weekly.*

We all want the elevator to wait for us, but when we are in we don't like to see it kept waiting any longer for anybody else.—*Somerville Journal.*

"Uncle Jacobs, aren't you ashamed to be seen here so often?" "Laws, y' Honah, dis place am respecable ter some places where I am seen."—*Racket*

Snively—"Have you ever sailed in a birch canoe?" Snodgrass—"No; my only experience with the birch was when I was paddled with it."—*Munsey's Weekly.*

"Irreverent? Yes, indeed. Why, if it were possible, it would be just like him to sit around and munch peanuts at his own funeral."—*Indianapolis Journal.*

Laugh, and the world laughs with you,
Weep, and you weep alone;
Fail, and the world laughs at you;
Don't, and it's all your own.
—*Washington Star.*

"What is the difference, papa, between a tour and a junket?" "A number of our own party makes a tour. A junket is the trip of a number of the opposition."—*New York Herald.*

"And oh, Uncle Silas, I had such a lovely time last summer. Four other Vassar girls and myself took a tramp through the Catskills." "Um-m-m! But do you believe, Elizabeth, that the tramp enjoyed it?"

"And does that please you, Mrs. Brown, that your husband calls you a Xantippe in public?" "Oh, I don't grudge him the little pleasure of trying to make the world believe that he is a Socrates."—*Fliegende Blaetter.*

Watts—"Now, if I understand correctly, the first principle of socialism is to divide with your brother man." Potts—"Then you don't understand it correctly. The first principle of socialism is to make your brother divide with you."—*Indianapolis Journal.*

Teacher—"Explain the difference between law and custom." Boy (who owns a sailboat)—"Accordin' to law, a steamboat must give the right of way to a sailboat, but 'cording to custom the sailboat has got ter make tracks or get smashed."—*Good News.*

"I tell you, Mr. Jenks is a nice man." "So?" "Yes. I talked to him over an hour, and he agreed to everything I said, and never interrupted me but once, and that was to say that there was a bug on my dress collar, and even then he apologized."—*Dansville Breeze.*

A Reckless Promise.—"Wife (who is going to the country)—"Will you come to see me next Sunday?" Husband—"Why, of course. I'll speed to you on the wings of love!" Wife—"You come then on the express train?" Husband—"Oh, no; the slow local train will suit me well enough?"—*Fliegende Blaetter.*

"These barbed wire fences ain't no good," said the farm hand. "I wouldn't have one of 'em around the place if I had my way." "Why not!" inquired the stranger. "They're cheap and strong and keep cattle in better than anything else." "That may be," replied the farm hand, "but then a feller can't sit down on 'em."—*Chicago Light.*

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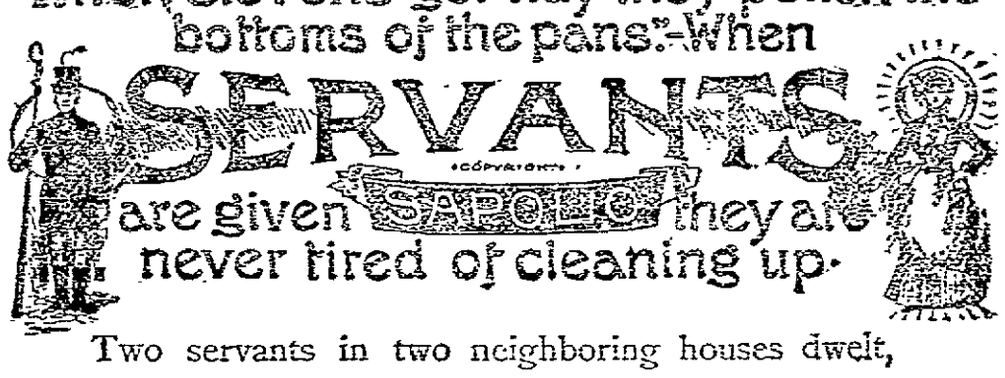

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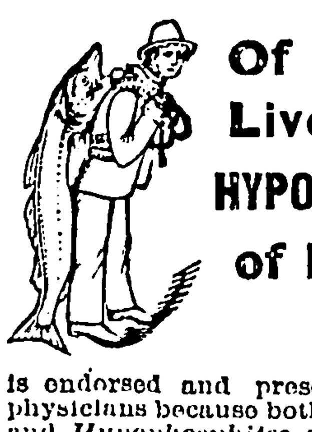

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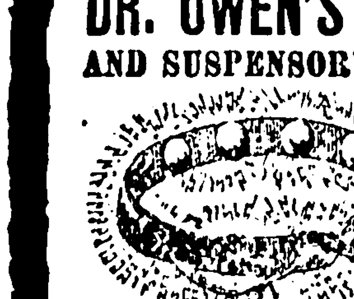

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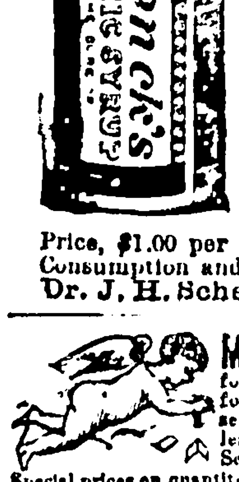

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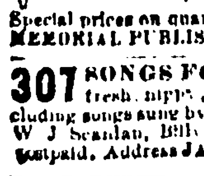

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Castles in the air do not bring in any rent.—*Galveston News.*

You can easily fill the public eye if you only have the dust.—*New York News.*

She—"He talks like a book." He—"What a pity he doesn't shut up as easily."—*Life.*

Clever tact will win in business, and clever tacking will win a yacht race.—*Pittsburg Dispatch.*

They fill our daily cup with gall
As through the world we go,
These two: The man who knows it all
And he who "told you so."

A level surface is flat, yet there is a distinction between a level-headed man and a flat-headed one.—*Pittsburg Chronicle.*

A dead man is given more charity than he can make use of; a living man isn't given as much as he deserves.—*Atchison Globe.*

"This is the worst snap I ever struck," remarked the woodchuck when he got caught in a steel trap.—*Binghamton Republican.*

Goslin—"I just gave him a piece of my mind, doucherknow." Dolly (anxiously)—"How could you spare it?"—*Munsey's Weekly.*

She—"I hope you do not remain in the parlor when your sister receives her fiance" He—"No; 'cause I'm afraid of the dark."—*Life.*

She—"If you attempt to kiss me I'll call mamma." He—"What would happen then?" She—"Oh, nothing, for mamma isn't at home."—*Chicago Post.*

The iceman now doth count with glee
The gold of summer's winning;
The coal man, too, exults; for he
Will now enjoy an inning.
—*Munsey's Weekly.*

We all want the elevator to wait for s, but when we are in we don't like to see it kept waiting any longer for anybody else.—*Somerville Journal.*

"Uncle Jacobs, aren't you ashamed to be seen here so often?" "Laws, y' Honah, dis place am respecable ter some places where I am seen."—*Racket*

Snively—"Have you ever sailed in a birch canoe?" Snodgrass—"No; my only experience with the birch was when I was paddled with it."—*Munsey's Weekly.*

"Irreverent? Yes, indeed. Why, if it were possible, it would be just like him to sit around and munch peanuts at his own funeral."—*Indianapolis Journal.*

Laugh, and the world laughs with you,
Weep, and you weep alone;
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Don't, and it's all your own.
—*Washington Star.*

"What is the difference, papa, between a tour and a junket!" "A number of our own party makes a tour. A junket is the trip of a number of the opposition." —*New York Herald.*

"And oh, Uncle Silas, I had such a lovely time last summer. Four other Vassar girls and myself took a tramp through the Catskills." "Um-m-m! But do you believe, Elizabeth, that the tramp enjoyed it?"

"And does that please you, Mrs. Brown, that your husband calls you a Xantippe in public?" "Oh, I don't grudge him the little pleasure of trying to make the world believe that he is a Socrates."—*Fliegende Blaetter.*

Watts—"Now, if I understand correctly, the first principle of socialism is to divide with your brother man." Potts—"Then you don't understand it correctly. The first principle of socialism is to make your brother divide with you."—*Indianapolis Journal.*

Teacher—"Explain the difference between law and custom." Boy (who owns a sailboat)—"Accordin' to law, a steamboat must give the right of way to a sailboat, but 'cording to custom the sailboat has got ter make tracks or get smashed."—*Good News.*

"I tell you, Mr. Jenks is a nice man." "So?" "Yes. I talked to him over an hour, and he agreed to everything I said, and never interrupted me but once, and that was to say that there was a bug on my dress collar, and even then he apologized."—*Dansville Breeze.*

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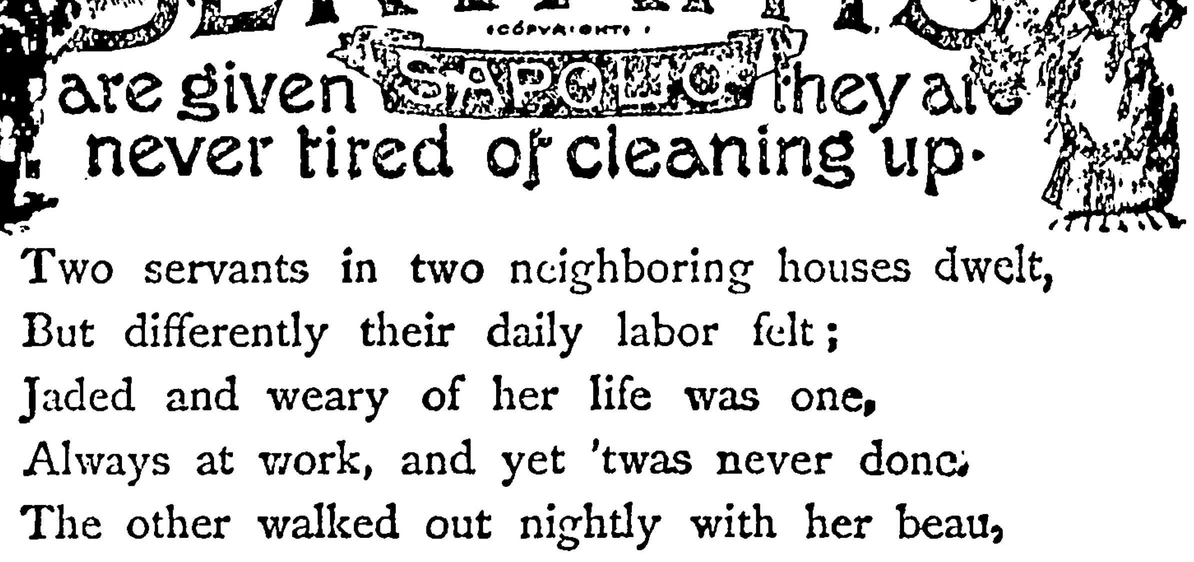

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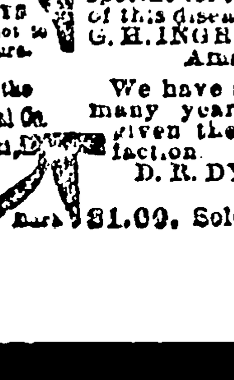

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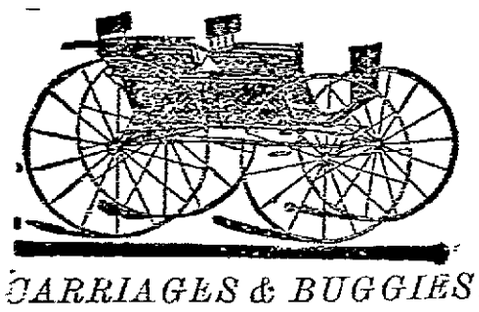

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FRIDAY EVENING, DEC. 19, 1890.

IS CONSUMPTION INCURABLE?—Read the following: Mr. C. H Morris, Newark, Ark., says, "Was down with abscess of lungs, and friends and physicians pronounced me an incurable consumptive. Began taking Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, am now on my third bottle, and am able to oversee the work on my farm. It is the finest medicine ever made." Jesse Middlewart, Decatur, Ohio, says, "Had it not been for Dr King's New Discovery for consumption I would have died of Lung Troubles. Was given up by doctors. Am now in best of health." Try it. Sample bottles free at Dicks's Drug Store.

An explosion occurred in the cartridge room of the factory at Zumdorff, Hungary, where the new explosive, megatin, is manufactured. Three women employed in factory were blown to pieces.

THOUSANDS POISONED.—In a recent work or Heart disease, Dr. Franklin Miles—the noted specialist—gives many new and startling facts. Thousands of people are slowly poisoning themselves, weakening their hearts by use of tea, coffee, tobacco and alcohol. These are heart whips, causing it to beat rapidly, thus gradually wearing it out, producing shortness of breath when exercising, pains inside and shoulder, hungry and faint spells. Finally heart failure and sudden death. For weakened and irritated hearts the press everywhere highly recommend the new Heart Cure discovered by Dr. Franklin Miles, which is for sale at Dicks's drug store.

Some of the creameries of Bucks county refuse to accept milk from cows fed on brewery refuse. It yields little butter and that of a poor quality.

ELECTRIC BITTERS.—This remedy is so well known and so popular as to need no special mention. All who have used Electric Bitters sing the same song of praise. A purer medicine does not exist and it is guaranteed to do all that is claimed. Electric Bitters will cure all diseases of the Liver and Kidneys, will remove pimples, boils, saltrheum and other affections caused impure blood. Will drive malaria from the system and prevent as well as cure all malarial fevers. For cure of headache, constipation and indigestion try Electric Bitters—Entire satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded. Price 50c. and $1 a bottle at Dicks's drug store.

The statement made by a Phoenixville man living along the Reading railroad that he never bought any coal led to his arrest for robbing coal cars.

THE WONDERUL TOWER.—The bigest structure in the world is Eiffel Tower, at Paris, 1,000 feet high But the great discovery of Dr. Franklin Miles is certain to tower far above it in promoting human happiness and health. This wonderful nerve medicine builds up wornout systems, cures fits, spasms, headache, nervous prostration, dizziness, sleeplessness, monthly pains, sexual troules, etc. Mrs. John R. Miller, of Valparaiso, Ind., and J. D. Taylor, of Logansport, Ind., gained 20 pounds a month while taking it. Finely illustrated on "Nervous Diseases" and sample bottle of the Restorative Nervine, free at J. W. Dicks, who guarantees it.

Lancaster's coroner will make an effort to secure a dead house. He says he is tired of using the railroad baggage room as a morgue.

EVERY HOME SHOULD HAVE IT.—It is not always convenient to call a physician for every little ailment. Having Red Flag Oil in the house you have a physician always at hand. It kills rheumatism, neuralgia, burns, bruises, and all aches and pains. Price 25 cents.

There are few things in this life of which we may be certain, but this is one of them, Pan Tina cough and consumption cure has no equal for coughs, colds and consumption. Price 25 and 50 cents, at Barnitz's drug store.

Through the death of her uncle, Miss Carrie E. Painter, of Homestead, a poor girl, gets a legacy of $500,000.

No remedy for blood disorders can equal Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Though concentrated and powerful, this medicine is perfectly safe, and may be taken by children as well as adults. Physicians recommend it in preference to any other. Price $1.00. Worth $5 a bottle.

A big bear escaped from its Italian keeper and is now roaming through Lancaster county.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria,
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria,
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria,
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

One of the presents at a recent Reading wedding was a large mansion entirely furnished.

BUCKLEN'S ARNICA SALVE.—The Best Salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, tetter, salt rheum, fever sores, chapped hands, ulcers, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by J. W. Dicks.

Michael Barret, of Scranton, has been convicted of pulling the tongue out of a balky horse.

The mayor of Lebanon has been charged with misappropriating money.

MILES' NERVE & LIVER PILLS.—An important discovery. They act on the liver, stomach and bowels through the nerves. A new principle. They speedily cure biliousness, bad taste, torpid liver, piles and constipation. Splendid for men, women children. Smallest, mildest, surest. 30 doses for 25 cents. Samples free at Dicks' drug store.

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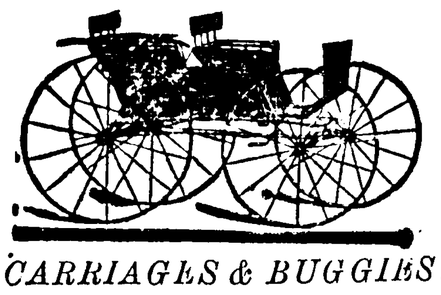

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